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# 13 killed in Algiers assault

ALGIERS (AFP) — At least 13 people were killed on Wednesday when Algerian accurity forces stormed a 15-storcy building in Algiers where an armed Islamist gang was holed out, witnesses skid. Among the dead were an elderly woman, a child and a momber of the Algerian security services. The latest toll brought to 17 the number of people known to have been killed in two days of assaults on suspected armed Muslim fundamentalists. Meanwhile, the exiled leadership of Algeria's outlawed Islamic Salvation' Front (FIS) on Wednesday condemned the "disgraceful" bomb attack on cometery in which four boy scouts were killed. In a handwritten statement released here the FIS said it "attacks and energotically condemns this disgraceful killing and the cowards who carried it out." Earlier, the Washington-based Anwar Raddam, leader of FIS representatives who had won parliamentary seats in the first round of Algeria's aborted legislative poll, said "we hold the regime's security services responsible for such an attack against innocent children." Four children aged 11 to 15 died, and 17 other people were wounded Tuesday when the bomb exploded in the Mostaganem cemetery. 280 kilometres west of Algeria's eight-year war of liberation against France. Algeria's eight-year war of liberation against France



### Olmert threatens Arab homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) - Jerusalem's Israeli mayor OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Jerusalem's Israeli mayor, Ehud Olmert, made a rare visit to the city's Palestinian neighbourhoods on Wednesday, threatening to demolish homes that did not follow lengthy permit procedures but also promising some urban renewal. "I came here to give you my policy and my policy is that anything not built with a permit will be demolished." Mr. Olmert told residents of the Jabal Mukabber neighbourhood. Palestinian residents complete that the lengthy permit process. residents complain that the lengthy permit process means many would never be able to build homes. And they point out that the areas where they live, with open sewers and few city amenities, are largely neglected when compared to the carefully tended streets of the western, mostly Jewish half of the city. Palestinians want the eastern half of the city as capital of their would-be state. Mr. Olmert, elected a year ago, emphasises that Israel will never divide its "capital." Mr. Olmert blames the previous administration of Teddy Kollek for neglecting the Arab quarters. He promise in building and services in the Arab sectors of the city divided. invest in building and services in the Arab sectors of the city "just like in the Jewish neighbourhoods." Palestinians say over 40,000 Arabs with the legal right to live in the city have been pushed out because of inadequate housing and the difficulty in building.

Yeltsin congratulates King,

pledges continued support

Jordanian-Israeli peace

King Hussein also re-

ceived a message from

Czech President Haclav

Havel congratulating him

on the signing of the peace

treaty and inviting him to

visit the Czech Republic.

vered to the King at the

Royal Court by Mr. Alex-

andr Vondra, Czech Re-

public's first deputy minis-

ter of foreign affairs who is

currently on a two-day visit

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King Hussein accepted

to Jordan (see page 3).

The message was deli-

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his appreciation to Presi-

dent Havel for his support

for the peace treaty.

Mr. Vondra paid tribute

to King Hussein's efforts

towards peace, stability

and security in the Middle

East. He stressed that Jor-

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Mr. Vondra also express-

ed his country's desire to

further boost bilateral rela-

Minister of State for

Foreign affairs Talal Al

Hassan was present at the

meeting along with a Czech

delegation accompanying

tions in different fields.

in the region.

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### Israelis find antiquities near

TEL AVIV (R) — Members of an Israeli kibbutz have discovered a line of Roman milestones about 2,400-yearsold in the Wadi Araba desert. The Israel antiquities authority said on Wednesday the 26 stones were spaced at intervals of one Roman mile (1,480 metres) and weighed up to 100 kilogrammes apiece. Israel may not get to keep the find. The stones. some of which stand 1.2 metre high, were discovered by members of a kibbutz in a horder area that will revert to Jordanian sovereignty under the terms of the peace accord signed on the border last week. The authority said experts had thought the Romans had not built any roads in the Araba desert. But inscriptions on some of the stones pointed the way to a Roman fort north of Eilat.

### traq accuses Kuwait of border violation

BAGHDAD (Agencies) irin on Wednesday accused Knwart of violating its border and committing an act of "aggression" on its territory last week. Official newspapers here said Kuwaiti policemen penetrated 500 metres inside territory on Oct. 25, and opened fire on an Iraqi policeman, Khaled Method, wounding him in the less Bashdad protested to the Union Nations over the the Tailed Nations over the Tailed and premeditated Knight ashression ... aimed at Middle and tension and processes pretext for new processes, "the winet kraq," the

### France admonishes iren over protest

PARIS (AFP) -- France on Wednesday admonished lian, reminding it of its duty concerning the safety of foregu embassies, after a protest outside France's mission in Tebran against a ban on Islatric headscarves in schools. We reminded the Iranian authorities of its obligations under international conventions concerning diplomatic missions," said foreign ministry spokesman Richard Duque. During the demonstration in Tehran Monday more than a thousand veiled Iranian women demonstrated outside the French embassy to protest the headscarf ban.

# U.N. warns Aldeed

MOGADISHU (AFP) -

The United Nations' special envey to Somalia accused Wednesday the country's hading warlord of organising likely to lead to fresh blood-shed with excluded factions. Victor Gbeho said in a statement that the "national reconciliation conference" organised in a "unilateral" issision by Mohammad Farah Aideed and running since Toesday in the Somali capital had come as a surprise to the U.N. Mission in Somalia (UNOSOM). The decision of the 12 factions loyal to General Aideed to launch their own forum constituted a segution of the understanding reached with all conocraci factions that invitations to the conference would be extended by UNOSOM to the featiers of the recognised factions." UNOSOM has declined to send a representative to the talks.

### VIEW orders settiers to destroy memorial

TEB AVIV (AFF) - The Istaeli army ordered Wednesday the destruction of a monument to Hebron nioque kile; Baruch Gold-sid which fellow Jews are building at h. settlement of kilyat Arba, military officials d. Central region comman-General Han Biran sent the other to the "mayor" of kiryat Arba saying the stone monument was on land mon army control." The enter did not give a deadline for the demolition. The wor," Zvi Katzover, rejected the order.

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# House panel recommends endorsement of peace treaty

# Opposition parties seek to step up campaign

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Foreign Affairs Committee at the Lower House of Parliament Wednesday recommended that the legislature endorse the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty as eight opposition parties announced steps to form an alliance of Islamic and pan-Arab groups to fight

President of the Foreign Affairs Committee Abdul Karim Kabariti said the majority of the 23-member panel supported the recommendation to endorse the peace treaty while the three Islamic Action Front (IAF) deputies represented on it opposed it.

Deputies will begin their debate of the treaty, which the government presented to the House as a draft law early this week, on Saturday and all indications are the majority of lawmakers will support

The treaty will go into effect as law after Parliament ratifies it and His Majesty King Hussein signs it.
The committee believes

the treaty is the best that could have been achieved in light of what was possible" even though it is not the "ideal accord that we would aspire to," Mr. Kabariti told the Jordan Times.

In its four-day debate of the treaty, the committee did not look at "its work as an attempt to differentiate between those who are with the country and those who are against it because there is no

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin came out firmly

against any dialogue with the

Islamic Resistance Move-

ment Hamas on Wednesday

after two ministers urged

talks with moderate Hamas

peace and there is only one

way to deal with it — by waging a merciless war," he

Police Minister Mosbe

Shahal proposed a dialogue,

despite a string of attacks

claimed by the fundamental-

ist group during October and

"I am ready to talk to

members of Hamas who are

ready to talk to us," Mr.

Shahal told a meeting of

Labour Party members of

He said Hamas was "not

"The government is wrong

all of the same hue --- there

are extremists and there are

to reject Hamas wholesale,

he added, picking up on a call

parliament.

moderates."

threats of more to come.

told Israel Radio.

"Hamas is the enemy of

Rabin rejects any

talks with Hamas

doubt that we are all with the country and its leadership as evidenced by our presence at Parliament," Mr. Kabariti

He said the committee sees in the implementation of the neace treaty the beginning of a new era in which challenges could be greater than those which characterised the era

that the treaty will end.

That, he said, calls for abandoning "old methods that never matured and adopting new ones that can enable us to confront the new

"The trust that the people put in us requires that we take up the new challenges with all the courage that loyalty to the country, its people and leadership dictates," even though the new era would shake off many concepts with which the present generation has lived, said the influential member of the National Democratic Coalition and former minis-

The committee, Mr. Kabariti said, believes that the country cannot stop in the middle of the new road and look back because the only way is to move forward and 'capture the future."

Meanwhile, eight political parties announced steps to create "the broadest democratic alliance of Islamist and pan-Arab forces" in order to "confront peace, submission and normalisation."

At a press conference held at the offices of the IAF and headed by secretary general of the Jordan Democratic

by Deputy Foreign Minister

Yossi Beilin last week for

talks with Hamas moderates

who have voiced interest in

Mr. Rabin vowed revenge

after the Oct. 19 Tel Aviv bus

attack that killed 23 people,

including the suicide-

occupied West Bank, Jamil

Hamami, did not rule out the

possibility of a dialogue, but

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in itself. It is necessary to end

the bloodshed," he told the

Palestinian newspaper Al

Kwaik, another Hamas lead-

er, also supported dialogue.

wanted to end the bloodshed.

bility for three attacks on

Israelis in October, including

the kidnapping of a soldier

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after a suicide bomber blew

up a Tel Aviv bus on Oct, 19

Sheikh Hussein Abu

The two clerics said they

Hamas claimed responsi-

Quds on Wednesday.

"Dialogue is not forbidden

said the Israeli "manhunt"

stop first.

A Hamas official in the

contacts with Israel.



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Abdul Karim Kabariti Socialist Party, Issa Mdanat, the opposition groups said they were preparing for a national popular conference" to organise opposition to peace with Israel. They said the conference could

take place within a month. The eight parties demanded that the government hold a plebiscite "so that people can say their word on the peace treaty and everybody has a chance to express their

They demanded that the plebiscite be conducted under the supervision of the judiciary.

The opposition groups reiterated their vow to fight the peace treaty, which the Kingdom signed with Israel Oct. 26, with all available democratic and legal means and called on lawmakers to respect the "wishes of the people" who elected them and reject the treaty.

CAIRO (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) and Israel will

begin a fifth round of talks on Palestinian elections in Cairo

next week, the Israel ambas-

sador to Cairo said on Tues-

David Sultan told reporters

Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin and Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat agreed

to restart the talks during the

Casablanca economic confer-

Negotiating teams post-

poned this week's talks to

take more time to study the

papers they exchanged on

election topics and to rest, a

Palestinian official said ear-

Palestinian elections

should have taken place in

July as agreed under a PLO-

Israel peace accord giving Palestinians limited self-rule

in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

But after four rounds of

talks in Cairo the PLO and

Israel are still in disagree-

ment over the electoral coun-

cil's powers and Israeli de-

lier this week.

Israel-PLO election

talks restart next week

Describing the accord as "surrender to the conditions of the Zionist occupation." the opposition eight also attacked the treaty for allegedly failing to realise Jordanian rights and aban-doning the decisions of the international legitimacy on Jerusalem and refugees. They reiterated criticism that the accord reduces the

issue of Jerusalem to sovereignty over religious shrines and calls for settling refugees and displaced persons in their countries of residence instead of giving them their right to repatriation.

"While announcing our rejection of the treaty, as we rejected the Oslo deal, we demand that the government put an end to its oppressive policies and end its monopoly of the official media because these media belong to the people," the opposition eight said in a statement read out at the beginning of the conference. They claimed the government was encroaching on their democratic right to express opposition to the

The opposition has claimed the majority of the people oppose peace with Israel but has thus far failed to prove any evidence to its claim.

Asked about the number of their followers whom they said oppose the treaty, spokesmen of the parties at the conference said what counts is their "historic struggle and presence" in the "Numbers are not the most

important thing," Mr. Mda-

to decide how to choose vo-

ters and candidates in Palesti-

Meanwhile, the Israeli

army lifted the lid on the Gaza Strip and West Bank on

Wednesday, but only 1,090

workes reached their jobs in

Israel amid chaos over new

permits and transport, offi-

The territories were sealed

off two weeks ago when a Palestinian suicide bomber

killed himself and 22 others

aboard a Tel Aviv bus. Some

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### Mr. Vondra on his visit to Republic congratulating to set a date for a visit. him on the signing of the King Hussein also voiced Flame and floods claim more than 410 in Egypt

ASSIUT (Agencies) — More Wednesday, most of them when blazing fuel flooded into a village from a depot struck by lightning in a rainstorm, officials in the southern town of Assiut said.

pitals area had received 229 corpses from the stricken village of Dronka and a security source said another 122 corpses were still lying on the ground there. Flooding killed 63 other people, security sources said.

Lightning struck the com-plex of eight fuel tanks hold-ing 15,000 tonnes of aircraft and motor fuel in the morning after a thunderstorm had raged for at least five hours, an Assiut province official

70,000 labourers were thrown out of work, provoking bitter complaints of collective Just 350 West Bankers and Mohsen.

740 Gazans entered Israel after receiving work permits, an army spokesman said.

Gaza labour office director Saeed Al Mudallal admitted 4,021 permits had arrived from Israel by Tuesday night, nearly all for construction

But only 2,000 could be

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# than 410 people were killed They had been getting ready in southern Egypt on to go to school.

AMMAN (J.T.) — His

Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday received a mes-

sage from Russian Presi-

dent Boris Yeltsin marking

the third anniversary of the

launching of the Middle East peace conference in

Mr. Yeltsin said in his

message that the confer-

ence gave "real impetus to

peace" and served as "a

turning point for the

Israelis and Arabs alike,

prompting them towards

embarking on peaceful

coexistence, the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, said. Mr. Yeltsin paid tribute to Arab and Israeli leaders

for their courageous steps

towards peace and said that

the leaders on both sides

had expressed determina-

tion in directing their

potentials towards econo-

mic development, Petra

The Russian leader also

said his country would con-

tinue to extend help to all

the concerned parties 50 that they arrive at their final

King Hussein also re-

ceived cables from the

prime minister of the

Netherlands and the presi-

dent of the Central African

Madrid.

said.

objectives.

A health official said hos-

Burning fuel swept through the town on floodwaters. "It was like napalm," said one man named Abdul

He said three of his

petrol burst into their home. A woman with burns on

her face and her hands said her two young children died in the fire. More than 200 houses in

Dronka were destroyed by blazing waters and at least 20,000 terrified townsfolk crowded onto roads to the provincial capital Assiut city. Thick smoke shrouded Dronka in darkness.

The sources said the storage complex was still on fire at 6 p.m. (1600 GMT) and that a new blaze had started in another storage tank. Firefighters decided to let the fire burn itself out, the sources

The governor of Assiut province declared a state of emergency, sending rescue units with tents and blankets for the homeless and army firefighters to try to control the fire.

The governor said it was too early to determine how brothers aged six, eight and many people had been killed. It were killed when burning People who escaped the in-

trapped in their homes and that dozens of people were missing, security sources

ferno said many families were

The missing included at least 10 men trapped in a mosque during dawn prayers and a maintenance crew working inside the storage complex.

The fuel tanks are operated by a subsidiary of the state-run Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation

(EGPC). EGPC officials in Cairo declined to comment on the incident. One said a team of experts was traveiling to Assiut to assess the damage to the tanks, which he said were used as a strategic fuel reserve for the defence minis-

The biaze also destroyed fields in the village and a Christian cemetery.

Meteorologists in Cairo told Reuters the storm was one of the worst in the country's history and said thunderstorms would continue for another 48 hours.

# Assad, Kozyrev hold talks Mr. Sharaa said Damascus

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — solution Syrian President Hafez Al crisis. Assad held talks here Wednesday with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, visiting in a bid to push forward the stalled Syrian-Israeli track of the peace process. Mr. Kozyrev handed Mr.

Assad a message from Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Mr. Assad's press spokesman Gibran Kuriyeh said, without

elaborating.

Earlier, Mr. Kozyrev met
his Syrian counterpart Farouk Al Sharaa. Officials said they discussed bilateral ties and developments in the peace process, including U.S. President Bill Clinton's regional tour last week.

Russian diplomats told AFP that Mr. Kozyrev was also to raise the issue of Syria's estimated \$10 billion debt to Russia.

Mr. Kozyrev said Moscow is needed in the Middle East peace talks to counterbalance the U.S. role.

Mr. Kozyrev's remarks to reporters here fell in line with Russia's recent assertiveness in the world stage which last month saw him mediating a "The Middle East peace

Mr. Kozyrev also noted that there can be no Arab-Israeli peace settlement "without an active role by

cow was Syria's main ally and arms supplier.

But since then Syria has sought to improve its relations with Washington in

that Washington's stances are tilted in Israel's favour.

Syria sided with Washington when it led an alliance fighting Iraq in the 1991 Gulf war as well as last month when Iraq massed troops on the Kuwaiti border.

mitted to achieving tangible results." Mr. Sharaa said Syria wants to see its relations with

was pleased that Russia is

"reactivating its role in the

peace process."

He added: "Everybody has

no doubt that Syria is com-

Russia "strengthened and deepened for the best interest of the two countries on one hand, and for the peace process on the other hand. Mr. Kozyrev flew in Tues-day from Casablanca, Moroc-

co, where he attended an unprecedented three-day economic summit on the Middle East and North Africa. He was expected to inform the Syrian officials of the results of the forum.

Syria refused to accept the Casablanca conference, arguing that any Arab participation would weaken the economic boycott of Israel Mr. Kozvrev is the first Russian foreign minister to

visit Syria since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. On arrival, Mr. Kozyrev said "a crucial stage" had

been reached in the Syrian-Israeli talks.

### Carbomb kills Islamic leader in Gaza telligence that did it." GAZA CITY (AFP) - A Israeli intelligence services of Mr. Rabin swore revenge

carbomb exploded Wednesday on the autonomous Gaza Strip killing a senior figure of the Islamic Jihad organisa-

Some witnesses said it blew up as he opened the door. others as he fired the igni-

Police said they had begun interviewing witnesses to the killing, which has not been claimed. "This is a plot by (Prime

Minister Yitzhak) Rabin," charged Adel Mahmoud, an Islamic Jihad member. He (Rabin) has started a war against the intellectuals,

not against the real militants.

I am sure it's the Israeli in-

hours after the blast. Abed, who also manged a

There is no Palestinian

Abed was also known to

nian were injured in separate

bomb blasts near Tel Aviv and the West Bank town to Bethlehem Tuesday, police and witnesses said. A 22-year-old Israeli man

Kfar Saba, near Tel Aviv, police said. According to preliminary

jured man was planting the bomb when it exploded. A Palestinian man was injured when a bomb exploded

Witnesses said Yacoub Jafar, 26, was injured in the face and taken to hospital. His injuries were not lifethreatening, hospital workers

area and launched an inquiry to find out whether the injured man was carrying the bomb at the time.

The man injured in the bomb blast near Tel Aviv was an army officer, police said.

The explosive charge. which was connected to four gas cylinders, completely wrecked the car. The officer was taken to hospital in Tel Aviv unconscious.

killing himself and 22 others. tion, ductors said. However, the Islamic Re-The device went off when sistance Movement Hamas Hani Abed, a leader of the claimed responsibility for the fundamentalist group which atrocity. Abed, who taught science opposes the peace process and rejects autonomy, got into his car in Khan Yunis at a technical college where his Peugeot was parked, was held by the Palestinian police

for 17 days after fun-damentalists murdered two Israeli soldiers in June. He died in Khan Yums's Nasser hospital from internal bleeding and trauma several

weekly paper that started publication two weeks ago. left a widow and three chil-A spokesman for Islamic

Jihad who refused to give his

name called news agencies to read a statement accusing the

trying to kill Abed.

group with any interest in assassinating Abed. Only the fingers of the Israeli Mossad are behind it," the statement

have disputes with Hamas as well as with some cousins over land. But there was no claim of responsibility for the combing. An Israeli and a Palesti-

was semously injured in a carbomb blast Tuesday in

enquiries, the bombing was a setting of scores rather than an anti-Israeli attack. It was not known whether the in-

in Al Khadr village near Bethlehem in the Israelioccupied West Bank.

The army sealed off the

solution to the latest Gulf

process will never be balanced or effective without a Russian active role," Mr. Kozyrev declared at the end of his visit to Damascus.

Syria." Until the collapse of the Soviet empire in 1991, Mos-

hopes of getting increased Western investment and economic assistance. However, Syria still fears

But Iraq reversed the buildup only after Mr. Kozyrev intervened and travelled to Baghdad to meet Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

# Saudis to continue **Islamic donations** but no politics

RIYADH (AP) — Saudi Arabia, accused by some Arabs of aiding Muslim fundamentalists, Tuesday pledged it will go on channeling financial assistance to Islamic communities around the world - but only if they are strictly non-political.

The pledge was made by Prince Sultan, the defence minister who is third in line to the Saudi throne, after chairing the first session of one of two Islamic councils set up by King Fahd to streamline Islamic activities in the kingdom following an unprecedented crackdown on radicals.

Prince Sultan told the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs that Saudi Arabia "stands firmly against terrorism and all those who practise terrorism under the cloak of Islam when Islam absolves itself from them.

The kingdom, he said, "will not extend any assistance to the parties that practise political activities and try their politicking under the alleged mantle of the Islamic faith while exercising destruction in their societies.

But, he went on, "the kingdom will not spare any effort to extend the hand of assistance to all constructive Islamic societies and minorities in our societies, those who project a good image of the Muslim religion.'

He stressed that such assistance must not be construed as intervention in the internal affairs of other coun-

The oil-rich kingdom, which holds Islam's holiest shrines at Mecca and Medina, is the leading state donor and collector of private donations for Islamic causes, communities and societies around the world.

It also leads efforts to spread Islam through building mosques and aiding religious societies among the world's one billion Muslims. Faced with complaints

from allies like Egyptian

that Muslim fundamentalists are spreading terror in his country aided by donations from Saudi nationals, the government last year sought to channel donations only through state-sponsored Saudi bodies.

The kingdom also established the ministerial council that Prince Sultan now heads as well as the council of Daawa (call) and Guidance in an effort to curb Islamic fundamentalists at home.

"These bodies were formed in early October following a crackdown on scores of so-called agitators, mainly centred in the fundamentalist stronghold of Buraydah, capital of northwestern Al Qasim province.

The government says it still holds 27 leaders, but has released more than 100 other fundamentalists. Saudi opposition groups,

mainly based in London. claim that the roundup of preachers, intellectuals and university teachers is continuine.

The fundamentalists are campaigning for even stricter enforcement of Islamic Sharia in the already puritanical kingdom.

Prince Sultan's council has grouped several key ministers, including those holding the interior, foreign affairs and Islamic affairs portfolios, to coordinate the "activities of several government parties in one body."

The two councils will seek to check the spread of fundamentalism in the kingdom, implement an education reform programme to prevent young Saudis being recruited by extremists, and seek to reconcile the kingdom with governments critical of its dherence to Sharia.

"This council is mandatedto serve Muslims whether Muslim minorities or Muslim countries by sending delega-tions, preachers, help build mosques, set up schools for learning the Koran," he said.



# Water talks to open in Athens on Saturday

CASABLANCA (Petra) Jordan will take part in the meetings of a working group on water affairs in the multilateral phase of the Arab-Israeli peace process due to open in Athens on Saturday.

Munther Haddadin, chief Jordanian negotiator specialising in water affairs, is heading the Jordanian delegation to the meeting, which is attended by delegates from 40 nations.

In a statement upon departure from Casablanca for Athens, after attending an economic summit in the Moroccan city, Dr. Haddadin said that the delegates in Athens will address topics related to management and protection of water resources, increasing water resources and regional cooperation in water

related affairs. He said the de'egates will discuss the prospect of set-ting up a water data bank providing water-related information to countries in the Middle East region.

The Athens meeting, he added, will discuss a Jordanian proposal to work out a regional charter for Middle East water resources coop-

# Casablanca summit exceeds all expectations

By Julie Bradford Agence France Presse

CASABLANCA - A landmark Middle East economic summit ended here Tuesday after exceeding all expecta-tions in pushing forward trade and political links between Israel and Arab states, delegates and organiser aid.

"People warned a ...st too high expectations but the forum has gone beyond that," said Bruce Kashdan of the World Economic Forum, which organised the confer-

said they were in favour of peace while they were here and yet they are outside the peace process." Israeli businessmen and poli: Jians were jubilant after

a conference which saw them

"Even the Saudi Arabians

meet up with all Arab delega-Politicians left confident that high-level meetings with Gulf Arab representatives would result in official ties in coming weeks, while executives were delighted to find a way into the profitable Gulf

market. "This forum was a big happening," said Israeli Agriculture Minister Yaakov Tzur. "There has been a pyschological breakthrough, shown by the talks I had with representatives from Saudi Arabia, Dubai and Qatar.

"Our aim now is to sell fresh food products to Gulf countries, because it is a market of several dozens of millions of dollars," Mr. Tzur

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the closing ceremony: "Participants here introduced a new morning into a region covered in clouds. It will continue to shine in the future."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said he was delighted to have met ministers from Qatar, Tunisia and Indone-

The final Casablanca dec-

laration pledged to explore ways to "overcome, as soon including the Jordan Valley as possible, obstacles including boycotts and all barriers to trade and investment.

It "noted favourably" the decision by the Gulf Cooperation Council to ease the economic boycott on Israel. imposed by the Arab League

A committee of experts is the study plans for a Middle Last development bank and report back in six months, while a regional tourism board and chamber of comre created. director general

n minisof the Is: try, said the strutions marked the Carrier summit out as "the economic equivalent of Madnd."

The Middle East peace process was launched at the 1991 Mardid conference, cosponsored by the United tates and Russia.

The Casablanca forum also represented the "unofficial funeral of the boycott." Mr. Savir said. "Arabs have realised that by boycotting Israel, they are boycotting them-

Businessmen appeared to have already forgotten about the boycott. Danny Gillerman, head of the Israeli chambers of commerce, said he and his Qatari counterpart had agreed to meet again

Yoram Blizovsky, a leading Israeli industrialist, said he had been "very nicely surprised" by the forum. Executives had "talked

real business" and joint Israeli-Arab companies were on the way. A Qatari businessman said

he and his colleagues were interested in projects Israel had to offer, and believed the end of the boycott was simply an official announcement away. A Gulf diplomat said meetings had "broken down the

walls of hate.' Billions of dollars' worth of ambitious projects were discussed during the conference, development plan, oil pipe-lines and thousands of kilometres of roads linking Arab states. But many delegates admit-

ted that Middle East politics had swamped the economic side of the forum - right from the opening day Sunday, when a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat attracted world attention.

Hisham Awartani, a Palestinian economic expert, said: "The conference was intended in the first place to serve businessmen.

"It was intended to fulfil a political agenda, mainly for the Israelis," said the professor from Nablus University on the occupied West Bank.

"That agenda was to get the Arab boycott lifted and there was a lot of armtwisting went on during meetings between Israelis and Arabs. During the conference Mr.

Arafat announced the creation of a port and free trade zone in Gaza, and Palestinians said they had raised \$1 billion in investment.

The final declaration said it was important that Israel did not close off Palestinian territories and recognised the "urgent need" for economic development there.

Israel closed off the Gaza Strip and West Bank on October 19 after an Islamic militant blew up a Tel Aviv bus, killing 23 people.

Dr. Awartani said he believed the international community had simply paid the Palestinian delegation lip ser-

There were still no promises from the World Bank to unblock international aid pledged to the Palestinians, he said.

"Yet it is a very politicised part of the world and if the World Bank does not play a fair role then evo one will be in trouble.

# Ciller embarks on Mideast trade tour

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkish Premier Tansu Ciller embarks on a five-day Mideast tour Thursday at the head of a 200-strong delegation of ministers and business leaders eager to drum up trade for Turkish firms in the region.
Ms. Ciller's trip to Israel.

the first by a Turkish prime minister, will be followed by visits to the autonomous Gaza Strip and Egypt. She will be accompanied

by a vast army of businessmen and officials, including the foreign, urban affairs. energy, transport, agriculture and culture ministers and the governor of Turkey's central bank.

Some 70 businessmen are included on the trip, with Turkey ideally placed to take advantage of the trade opportunities in the region, according to diplomatic sources here.

Israeli Ambassador David Granit said his country also wanted Turkey to play a more active role in the Middle East: "We would like Turkey to be much more involved in the political regional side of things."

There was "an excellent opportunity for moderate countries like Turkey to widen the scope of their dialogue and cooperation with us." he added.

Eitan Naeh, spokesman for the Israeli embassy in Ankara, said: "The prime minister of a big Muslim neighbour is coming with a delegation of 200 people. For us, it's very important.

Turkey is the only Muslim country with which we .... a relationship at that leve haven't yet utilisea ... the potential of the relamship. and in view of !... Middle East peace process, this is an

opportunity," he said. On the Israeli leg of the trip starting Inursday Nis. Ciller will meet Israeli President Ezer Weizman, her opposite number Yitzhak



Tansu Ciller Rabin and Israeli Fore Minister Shimon Peres.

The trip is expected never theless to focus on "big prijects," Israeli officials said israel, Jordan and Palest nians in the newly autority and the state of the state of

created with Israel and Egypt and last November, and construction projects in northers Gaza, notably a highway linking the region to major Ms. Ciller will make a brist to Polantin European motorways.

visit to Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yas ser Arafat in Gaza on Saturda before heading for Cairo and talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Ankara Mohammad Al Danas said transport vani said transportation and encouraging investment would dominate the agenda Ms. Ciller is to return to Talls with the

Turkey is a very impara-tant Muslim country of the region. It is also seculars ...cooperation is necessaris for the strategic interest of both countries," Israel's Designature of Strate of Strat

jects in China where they have strong ties.

Ms. Ciller, during a Middle East economic summit in Morocco, said on Monda that Turkey was willing to consider ways in which it is surplus fresh water could be used in the arid Middle East

# Shatila camp epitomises Palestinian refugees' plight in Lebanon

By Mariam M. Shahin

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it are to be em...nated desnogether, as if to e any reminder of .... place and people : ...isted here for the past 46 years. Hotels and recreation areas adjoining to be-build sports city, and prestigious

centre, will take Shahia's place, burying the last sign of the almost half a century presence of Palesti-· · · exiles under steel and . retc.

Lying one kilometre east the future sport city. tila was once home to • 9 families but countless ults from Lebanese and eli armed forces, inter-La estinian fighting and the " rs of the camps." which aged from 1985-88, forced ·c·t of those who did not . . c to flee. Now the guesin is what will happen to those who stayed behind. With the exception of a few lucky Palestinian revisas to countries like Sweden, Denmark and other Northern European

same civil rights as do citi. ans of their host country.
The fate of Lebanon's

the region. It is a subject that has been put on the "back-burner" — for discussions "later". The future of Palestinian in Lebanon has not even

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nations, most who were not killed in one of the many wars stayed here in this half reluct, half destroyed st town... Palestinian

Palestinians is one of the most precarious of any in

been touched upon in the three-year-old peace talks between Arabs and

re ugees in Lebanon, unlike those who live in Syria and Jordan do not have the

agency designed to meet the needs of Palestine refugees, UNRWA, say that there are 370,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. But even that number is disputed. UNRWA officials in Vienna say that Palestinian refugees in from 200,000/800,000.

"This is really a po statement to say that there may be as many as 800,000 Palestinians in Lebanon. The Lebanese will hit the roof if they hear this," said a senior UNRWA official speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Until the international community figures out what to do with them the numbers will not be investigated or made public," he

Lebanon's delicate political structure, based on a division of political posts accorded to different religious sects and groups, is considered endangered by the Palestinians who are almost entirely Sunni Muslim. A small Christian minority who retains re-

fugee status.

Caught in a Lebanon rebuilding itself after almost 20 years of civil war and sectarian strife, the Palestinians are caught between Lebanese tired of their presence and no place to go. The Israelis are not expected to let back but a small number (under 10,000) and no other Arab

country wants more refugees. Citizenship for most is not an option Christians and wealthy Muslims, were able to buy Lebanese nationality.

"Most of us Palestinian Christians were given Lebanese national ty early on when we came," said Nuha Abdul Nahr, a Palestinian from Haifa whose family was given Lebanese nationality in the

Shatila was all but destroyed in the war of the camps, says Ms. Nahr. a social worker. "The war of the camps were allowed to continue because it was widely believed the camps would disintegrate by themselves with so much fighting."

But it is evident in Shatila itself that many refugees have become entrenched in their adopted shelters. Shatila's main mosque serves as a memorial for over 100 people who were killed in there while seeking refuge from shelling in 1985. The camp has become a substitute symbol for suffering as a nation, says Ms. Nahr. "It reminds them of who they are - refugees." All the people in Shatila.

as all the Palestinian reiles from the parts of Palestine that became Israel in 1948. They came from cities like Haifa, Acre, Safad, Beisan and Jaffa. Most of the Palestinians in Lebanon today were born in Lebanon, however, and have never seen Palestine except on a map or in pictures. Most speak with a Lebanese accented Arabic and identify themselves as being from Shatila camp or Tel Zaatar camp or whichever of the 15 original refugee camps their parents

helped found. "The camp culture," as Abu Khaled, the head of the Palestinian Popular Committee in Shatila, calls it, "is very strong."

One of the main request made by representatives of the different Palestinian factions in Lebanon to the Lebanese government is that their camps be rebuilt or that they be given substi-

tute housing. At present Syrian armed forces "guard" every camp entrance and exit. Visitors must have prior permission

to enter. Camp residents have refugee TD's and are not allowed to work or live without special permission from the Lebanese author-

In their efforts to make sure that the Palestinian refugees remains a community outside Lebanese society, the go ernment decreed that Palestinians be banned from practising some 72 professions, including that of garbage collection. This year just over 100 work permits were given to Palestinians

UNRWA, once a main work provider for Palestinians, is "scaling down" its services to the people the agency was founded to serve. U.N. officials have said that by the end of the peace talks UNRWA will have "dissolved" itself. "The belief is that the 'Palestinian' problem will have been dealt with and thus there will no longer be a use for the agency," said one UNRWA teacher who

lives in Shatila. But apart from the uncertainty where the next day will take them, daily survival is a major preoccupation for people in the

the lack of work permits are the main problems that Palestinians in Lebanon face. U.N.-sponsored schooling through UN-RWA is scaling down and

he Lebanese government as Palestinian refugee chudren from attending Lebanese public shools.

Since the refugees are denied work permits, parents cannot earn money to send children to private schools. Thus an illiterate generation is coming of age in the camps of Lebanon. Housing conditions are cramped and building new housing or renting housing outside camp walls is almost impossible for the refugees.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fares Bouez said in an interview with the Lebanese daily Al Safir: "Lebanon was never before nor is it now capable of dealing with his large number of Palestinians. It is not right to try to resolve the Palestinian problem by trying to create a Lebanese

He reiterated that Lebanon would under no circumstances naturalise the Palestinian retugees were born in Lebanon dur-ir the last 47 year.

the Lebanese government defends its position as being a pan-Arab and ulti-

mately pro-Palestinian one. Is w. say the government. wal the Palestinians be able to retain their identity if they all become Lebanese.

Many politicians in Lebanese and the say the only solution is

resettlement of the Palestinians "elsewhere". Among the countries earmarked to receive up to 10,000 palestinian refugees to real settle permanently are Britain. Canada, Argentina. Australia, the U.S. and Rural Allian and Spain. No one can or will confirm such resettlement projects. Arab countries including Morocco and Iraq have a government and possible locations for permanent resettlement. permanent resettlement. The meeting with Lebanon keeping less than 50,000 in the end. But than 50,000 in the end. But the meeting than 50,000 in the end. But the meeting than 50,000 in the end. But the meeting that the meeting

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He said that in the wake of the treaty his country expected Jordan's relations with European countries to be strengthened.

Mr. Vondra, who conveyed his government's congratulations to the prime minister on the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel, described the move as a historical step that further enhance the Jordanian role in the region.

Dr. Majali welcomed Mr. Vondra's bid for cooperation between the two countries saying that the Kingdom was consecrating its efforts in the coming stage towards further development and production and boosting trade and economic relations with all na-

Mr. Vondra had earlier

met Nayef Hadid, the Foreign Ministry's secretary general, and reviewed with him prospects for bilateral cooperation in several fields.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted the Czech official as expressing his country's readiness to extend assistance to Jordan to enable the country to overcome present difficulties and cater to the responsibilities and requirements of peace.

Before the meeting with Mr. Hadid, Mr. Vondra discussed with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan questions related to the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty and prospects for increasing trade exchanges, protecting joint investments and preventing dual taxation.

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term integrated development projects that help families and communities reach selfreliance through democratic grassroots participation, the knitwear project aims at providing low income women with the opportunity to participate in the process of economics and social development. The women are offered training in knitting and sewing, in addition to courses in basic accounting and management. According to NHF, high quality production is an essential part of the

training. The project's policy is to increase women's participation by making it possible for them to work in their homes. It assists women in obtaining machines, supplying them with raw materials, and providing marketing assistance.

A total of 40 graduates, have completed the training NHF development philosooffered by the project, said phy which focuses on longan NHF spokesperson. Several of those graduates will be chosen to work at the project's training centre. As part of the foundation's overall objective to provide the job market with trained and skilled workers, the graduates are assisted in locating iobs at local factories, the spokesperson said.

> The Japanese government has, in the past, provided assistance to the foundation's projects, including a miniplanetarium for the Children's Heritage and Science Museum at the Haya Arts Centre and volunteers to the National Music Conserva-

# **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

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# n government-appointed RJ announces scholarship plan

AMMAN (Petra) - Royal Jordanian meeting, said a team is (RJ) has decided to grant 10 annual for a workshop that would scholarships to Jordanian students, women appointees on their according to RJ President and Chief Executive Officer Nader Dahabi Wednesday. He said that the scholarships will be in specialisations needed by the RJ. The scholarships, N (Petra) — Yemeni Minis- which are to be offered to promising - Social Affairs Mohammad students, will start next coming year.

# adelegation for a several-day HUDD publishes list of new beneficiaries

Development Mohammad Urban Development Department 1 cooperation in social affairs (HUDD) Wednesday published a list of beneficiaries of three housing projects in Zarqa, Taybeh and Manarah, HUDD Director General Yousef Hiyasat said the 13,000 people will benefit from these V (Petra) - Minister of Cul- projects. The beneficiaries, he said will 2a Hammad Wednesday dis-that JD 4.5 million have been spent on th a Greek cultural delega- infrastructure and JD 3.2 million on proposed creation of a Greek community structures. According to Mr. centre in Amman. The idea Hiyasat, these plots, on which the benefiented by Greece, which, the ciaries will be permitted to build homes, and, considered Jordan as a have been fitted with a 36,605-metre-long venue because of its central water network, roads totalling 138045 sical location in the region occessful systems of security and that the elegation will send an integran to the Ministry of Culture her study of the project.

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# Census to be taken next month

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan will conduct its first census in 15 years between Dec. 10 and Dec. 15 and will aim at not only counting its population, but also determining various economic and social aspects of its people. the head of the Department of Statistics announced Wednesday.

Unlike some countries which impose curfew-like conditions and force people to remain at home during population census, residents of Jordan are free to engage in their daily work without interruption, and there will be no official holiday for the purpose of census, Abdul Hadi Alawin

Dr. Alawin also told a press conference that all details provided by the people in a questionnaire will be kept in strict confidentiality and will be used

only for the purposes of the

The census will cover all residents of Jordan, Jordanians and non-Jordanians, as well as all those passing through the country during the census period to assure as much accuracy as possible, Dr. Alawin said.

Census takers will be posted at all border points, including the airport and Agaba port, he said.

Jordan held its last population census in 1979 and found that its popula-tion was 2,132,000. Plans to conduct another in the late 80s failed to materialise because of the financial straits that hit the country in 1988-

International norms call for a general population census every 10 years, but few countries follow that practice.

Jordan's annual population growth is around 3.6 per cent, one of the highest in the world,

Dr. Alawin implicitly sought to allay concerns that the census was aimed at determining the number of Jordanians of Palestinian origin who may not have Jordanian nationality ahead of forcing them to

dan and Palestine. The census has no political motivation and the data collected would be used only for the purposes of determining Jordan's population and assessing the socio-economic status of the various sectors of the country, Dr. Alawin told the press conference.

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For instance, he said when the data is fed into computer for processing, none of the entries will have any names, but only figures and details of economic and social status.

"It is very important that people answer all the questions raised in the questionnaire so as to enable us to collect as much data as

Asked how the enumera-

tors would be able to take in the details of residents who may not be present while they visit homes, Dr.

Enumerators will go around in groups of three or four assigned with covering a specific number of houses during the six-day period. As such, they always have the choice of returning to houses where no one was available to provide proper informa-

tion, he said. More than 8,000 people are expected to pay doorto-door calls to take the details in addition to administrative staff. Most of the officials involved in the process will be government teachers and staff from the Department of Statistics.

As Dr. Alawin spoke,

Alawin noted that the period of census stretches for five days and census officials would pay return visits wherever needed.

and compile answers. Dr. Alawin said the government had decided last year to conduct the census this year, and preparations had been going on for some time in terms of strategies and logistics.

The present population of Jordan is estimated at four million, including the 10 per cent increase that the Kingdom saw as a result of the massive wave of expatriates who returned home in the wake of the .Gulf crisis.

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ing classes for enumerators

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Dr. Alawin declined to provide a specific timetable for releasing the results of the census, but said the "first general result — of the total number of people in Jordan," will be released at an early date after the the head-counting process is completed.

# Jordan calls on UNRWA donor nations to provide sufficient aid for agency services

NEW YORK (Petra) — Jor-dan has called on United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) donor nations to provide sufficient assistance to maintain and improve the level of services the agency offers to the Palestine refugees.

Jordan's U.N. Ambassador, Adnan Abu Odeh, who made the appeal before a U.N. committee examining UNRWA's operations, said that the agency has been complaining of recurrent deficits in its annual budgets which in turn adversely its educational and social and health services to the refugees.

Last year UNRWA re-

ported a deficit of \$10 mil-tion, and this year \$43 million; and it is feared that the deficits would result in a reduction of the present level of services despite the fact that the peace process has now entered its practical stage, said Mr. Abu Odeh.

Referring to burdens shouldered by Jordan towards the refugees since 1948, Mr. Abu Odeh said that the government of Jordan has since been allocating funds in its budgets to finance numerous services to the refugees, far exceeding the volume of contributions by any of the donor nations. According to the latest statistics, Jordan hosts 1,193,539

refugees out of a total of three million living in the Arab World — that is nearly 40 per cent of the total number of refugees, Mr. Abu Odeh said.

Regrettably, he said, UN-RWA has allocated \$69 million out of its 1994 \$309.1 million budget for the re-fugees in Jordan, which means that the agency is counting on the Jordanian government for the major part of services to the refugees at a time when the Kingdom is facing increasing pressure from the rise in the number of these displaced people.

Any discrimination in services to the refugees from

one country to another would have its adverse repercussions which do not contribute positively to the peace process, warned Mr. Abu Odeh.

Welcoming UNRWA's de-

cision to shift the agency's headquarters from Vienna to Gaza, Mr. Abu Odeh said that this would save a great deal in expenses and enhance services. Jordan is intent on solving

the refugee problem in cooperation with the Palestine National Authority (PNA) and the Israeli government within the framework of the peace treaty, said Mr. Abu Odeh.

He said the peace treaty signed last Wednesday be-

tween Jordan and Israel was expected to help end the sufferings of the Palestinian refugees and settle their problem in line with U.N. resolu-

Appreciating the agency's continued endeavours to provide services to the refugees, Mr. Abu Odeh said, Jordan pledges to continue to do all that is in its power to help UNRWA achieve that goal.

He said that in view of the difficulties Jordan is facing in catering to growing refugee needs, the Kingdom hopes that the donor nations would extend assistance to the country to help it pursue its humanitarian tasks.

# Witnesses tell court subversion defendant 'mentally disturbed' They said bombs that ex-

AMMAN (AP) — A man who allegedly planted a bomb that exploded in an Amman movie theatre. wounding himself and three others, was mentally disturbed, the State Security Court heard Tuesday.

The court, trying 25 alleged Islamist militants on charges of subversion, also heard that five other defendants had records of theft.

The men are accused of bombing two cinemas showing pornographic films and liquor stores and attempting to bomb state and private institutions in late 1993 and early this year.

The defendants, three of them being tried in absentia. are described by the prosecution as Muslim zealots who wanted to cleanse Jordan's predominantly secular Muslim society of what they saw as corrupt Western influ-

Prosecutors wound up their case last month after producing witnesses and evidence that implicated the 25 men in the bombings.

They accused the men of stockpiling arms and explosives to be used in attacks against Palestinian and Jordanian delegates involved in peace negotiations with

6:00 p.m.

ploded at liquor stores and movie theatres matched those found at the defendants homes during a police crackdown in February. In Tuesday's two-hour ses-

sion, which was adjourned until Saturday, defence lawyers produced witnesses to support a claim that one of the defendants who lost his legs in one of the movie theatre's explosions was "schizophrenic" and could not be held accountable for his actions.

In pre-trial testimony, the man confessed to having been instructed to plant the bomb, which went off prematurely. Court orders ban the

media from reporting details of the trial, which began Aug. 27, or identifying the defendants or witnesses. The prosecution says the men were linked to a clandes-

tine group known as the "Arab Afghans," Islamic veterans of the 1979-89 war in Afghanistan when they fought alongside Muslim rebels against Soviet forces.

Prosecutors say the group, with cells throughout the Middle East, attempted to blow up U.S. and Israeli targets in the region.

# discusses ties with Jordan after presenting day (Petra photo)

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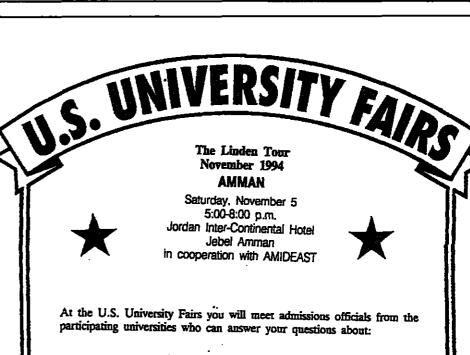
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🖈 Piay for children (in Arabic) entitled Hakaya Abu Al Ajab" (Strange Stories) at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

# **EXHIBITIONS**

★ Exhibition of paintings by Salam Kan'an at the Balkaa Art Gallery, Fubeis.

Exhibition of art by Annie Sakkab at the French Cultural

Centre. ★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Iraqi artist Ibrahim Al Abdali at Orfali Art Gallery.

☆ Exhibition of art by Adnan Al Sharif at Ab'ad Art

\* A special exhibition of "Polluted City - the Monnments" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

# King tells tourists to avoid Cambodia

bodia's head of state warned tourists to avoid his country as the bodies of three Western hostages killed by Khmer Rouge rebels were recovered, bound and shot, from graves found near a southern rebel base Wednesday.

King Norodom Sihanouk, saying Cambodia is "clearly insecure", joined foreign embassies in advising tourists to avoid Cambodia, shortly before the bodies were recovered at Vine Mountain, 150 kilometres south of Phnom

"I condemn with the greatest severity the contemptible and unpardonable murderers who are reponsible for the deaths of these three young gentlemen," King Sihanouk said in a statement dated Tuesday and issued to Reuters Wednesday

Briton Mark Slater, 28, Frenchman Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, and Australian David Wilson, 29, were taken hostage by the Khmer Rouge in a train ambush in southern Cambodia last July 26.

of the kidnap of four Western

tourists just freed in India

was remanded in police cus-

tody for two weeks Wednes-

day, charged under anti-

built, bearded man, de-scribed as a "hard nut" by a

senior police officer, spoke

was when asked if his name

was Mohammad Nazir Khan,

The man was arrested late

Monday in Delhi and gave his

name then as Saifullah Khan,

said the senior policeman,

who asked not to be identi-

"From the sequence of

events, we believe he is from

Karachi, Pakistan, and had

taken training in terrorist

activities in Muzzafarabad in

Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

and in Kabul," the policeman

Mr. Khan faces a max-

imum of 10 years in jail if

convicted for the kidnappings

of one American and three

Meanwhile, a top Kashmiri

Muslim separatist leader has

offered to end the bloody

insurgency in Kashmir if In-

dia provides concrete assur-

ances it will hold a plebiscite

on the future of the disputed

time assures the international

community that it will hold a

plebiscite in Kashmir, we are

willing to give up arms," Sha-bir Ahmad Shah was quoted

as saying in the state summer

The Press Trust of India

said Mr. Shah, who was re-

leased from prison last

month, made the remarks

during a meeting Tuesday

with Danish Captain Kurt

Mikkelson, the head of the

U.N. Observers Group in

had ignored the "full-

throated slogans for a plebis-

cite" of the Kashmiri people,

forcing an armed struggle to

end Indian rule over Kash-

mir, the only Muslim major-

DETROIT. Michigan (AFP)]

- President Bill Clinton said

Tuesday that he felt safe at

the White House despite a

shooting incident over the

weekend, but said the attack

underscored the need for gun

In a radio interview in De-

troit, Mr. Clinton said the

Secret Service was doing a

good job of protecting him

and his family despite two

dramatic recent security

Former serviceman Fran-

cisco Martin Duran fired 20

to 30 shots at the presidential

residence Saturday but was

subdued by tourists and arrested. He has been

charged with four felonies.

No one was hurt in the

refused to undergo a pretrial

mental evaluation after his

lawyer Leigh Kenny began

filing motions to try to avoid

one. Mr. Kenny filed an

emergency motion to U.S.

magistrate Deborah Robin-

son asking to delay the eva-

luation until after the pretrial

But Ms. Robinson denied

the delay, and Mr. Kenny

immediately appealed to

U.S. District Court Judge

John Garrett Penn, who also

In Washington, Mr. Duran

Clinton defends gun

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Mr. Shah said New Delhi

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NEW DELHI (Agencies) — ity state in predominantly An alleged Pakistani kingpin Hindu India.

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They and three ethnic Vietnamese and an unknown number of Cambodians were marched to nearby Vine Mountain at gunpoint. The three Vietnamese and two Cambodians are also said to

have been executed. The bodies of the Western hostages were being taken to Phnom Penh in wooden coffins Wednesday night. Their deaths had been confirmed by the Cambodian government Tuesday.
Information Minister Ieng

Mouly said Wednesday the Westerners' bodies were found in three graves, about one kilometre from the Vine Mountain base once held by Khmer Rouge General Noun Paet.

Gen. Paet, said to have ordered their execution in September, escaped the base after it was overrun by troops last week.

A senior Cambodian army officer said Wednesday that the Westerners's bodies were bound with rope and had been shot at close range. Embassy officials from Au-

Mr. Shah, who heads the

People's League, said a

U.N.-supervised referendum

was needed to allow the

Kashmiri people to decide

whether they wanted to re-

main within the Indian union,

merge with Pakistan or seek

Meanwhile, former Kash-

miri Chief Minister Farooq-

Abdullah and head of the

National Conference Party,

said in the winter capital Jam-

mu that the Indian author-

ities would have to restore

autonomy to Kashmir before

Kashmir enjoyed total

autonomy excepting matters

relating to communications.

defence and foreign policy

after 1947, but its privileged

status was eroded over the

years with New Delhi gra-

Mr. Abdullah, whose father was Kashmir's first

chief minister after it joined

India after its 1947 independ-

ence from British rule, also

said the time was not ripe to

hold state assembly polls in

The Indian government has announced plans to hold

elections next year in Kash-

mir, which has been under

the direct rule of New Delhi

Mr. Abdullah also deman-

ded a special panel to probe

human rights violations,

saying such a move would

help restore the confidence of

the Muslim-majority popula-

Indian Prime Minister P.V.

Narasimha Rao has seized

control of national policy on

people have been reported

Prosecutors suggested the

exam would be completed

Wednesday and would be

available for a preliminary

scheduled later the same day.

had intended to kill President

Bill Clinton may lead to new

charges of attempted assas-

sination, the Washington Post said Wednesday. Quoting sources close to

the probe, the daily said

Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion (FBI) officials were con-

sidering whether to add the

David Mills, who worked

with Mr. Duran at the Broad-

moor Hotel and Resort in

Colorado Springs, Colorado,

said in a television interview

aired late Tuesday that Mr.

Duran told him he planned

"to take out the president."

Mr. Mills said he did not

take Mr. Duran seriously, but decided to speak to the

FBI after he learned of the

Washington Post that a map

was found in Mr. Duran's

truck, parked several blocks

from the White House, with

the words "kill the prez"

written on it. Other notes

found in the truck refer to the

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Other sources told the

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stralia, France and Britain,

travelling in armoured cars, visited the graves Wednesday to help identify the badly decomposed bodies.

The Cambodian govern-ment has said the bodies are certainly the Westerners' remains, but Australian ambassador To Phnom Penh Tony Kevin said forensic tests needed to be performed in the capital to put the identities beyond doubt.

The deaths were Cambodia's second tragedy involving Western hostages this year — the remains of an Australian and two British hostages were found in September — and evoked angry reactions from inside and outside the country.

advise Westerners and others to avoid travelling to Cambodia, because my country is in a state of war and is clearly. insecure," King Sihanouk

"Permit me finally to

The U.S. embassy in Phnom Penh condemned what it called the "the brutal murder by the Khmer Rouge of three innocent tourists",

SEOUL (R) — Chinese

Prime Minister Li Peng,

rounding off the political ele-

ment of his historic five-day

South Korean visit, agreed with President Kim Young-

Sam Wednesday to work

together for inter-Korean

Mr. Li, the most senior

Communist Chinese official

to visit South Korea, also

won a \$3 billion investment

promise from the Samsung

group, one of South Korea's

biggest conglomerates. The

amount is equal to all the

investment South Korean

firms so far have committed

Mr. Kim and Mr. Li, meet-

ing for breakfast at the pres-

idential Blue House, agreed

that greater understanding

and cooperation was vital for

regional peace, a Kim

sively discussed the problem

of South and North Korea-

and matters related to econo-

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China is Stalinist North

Korea's only remaining ma-

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for support from China,

which goes to great lengths to

treat the two cold war foes

even-handedly in order to re-

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The spokesman said China

and South Korea would work

for peace on the peninsula by

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China's Li plots Korean

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and Australia's Kevin called on the Cambodian govern-ment to spare no effort to find the murderers.

Mr. Kevin said the bodies would be repatriated quickly so that "the families can mourn them privately and properly.

The British embassy in Phnom Penh has called on its nationals not to visit Cambo-

The flag at the French embassy in Phnom Penh was flying at half mast Wednesday. Jean-Claude Braquet has already identified one set of the remains as those of his son, diplomatic sources said.

In a separate development, heavily armed Thai commandos Wednesday kept watch on former Cambodian Interior Minister Sin Song, coleader of a failed coup, after he was detained in Bangkok. Mr. Sin Song escaped

house arrest in Phnom Penh on Sept. 3. Last week a military court in the Cambodian capital sentenced him in absentia to 20 years jail for his role in an attempted coup on July 2.

part of a nuclear deal with the

The North Tuesday said it

had halted construction of

two controversial graphite-

moderated reactors in line

with the deal it signed with

Washington in Geneva last

ited States said it would

assemble an international

consortium to finance the \$4-

billion construction of one

2,000-megawatt or two 1,000-

megawatt light-water reac-

tors, which do not produce

The agreement has eased

North-South tensions, but

there are no signs yet of a

resumption of high-level

inter-Korean talks, which

Washington also made a con-

dition for further progress

Qian Qichen also held talks

on the Korean nuclear issue

Wednesday with his Seoul

counterpart Han Sung-Joo.

"Without reconciliation

between South and North

Korea and dialogue between

the two countries, the nuclear

issue and other problems will

not be resolved smoothly,"

Mr. Qian was quoted by a

Seoul Foreign Ministry

spokesman as telling Mr.

to persuade North Korea to

resume North-South dialogue

as early as possible, he said.

Mr. Han asked Mr. Qian

Chinese Foreign Minister

with Pyongyang.

weapons-grade plutonium.

Under the accord, the Un-

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month.



Undated picture taken from a TV screen on CNN of two of three hostages held by the Khmer Rouges, British Mark Slater (2nd left)

Cambodian government troops located the graves of the three hostages (AFP photo)

# IAEA meeting on nuclear safety opens

VIENNA (R) — Experts on nuclear safety from 35 countries began a two-day meeting in Vienna Wednesday to discuss ways of tightening protection of nuclear materials and to prevent their illegal trafficking.

The meeting, organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is aimed at producing a set of recommendations on which role the U.N. agency can play to help halt the tide of nuc-

"The subjects under discussion are ways of strengthening international convennuclear materials, helping with the training of people responsible for their protection, increase the role of the IAEA in battling the problem and the incorporation of the IAEA laboratory in the

subject was discussed at the summit of the G-7 leading industrialised nations in July.

"The general conference recognised that this is a problem and that the agency should come up with sugges-

Conventions on the protection of nuclear materials already exist, but the main problem is training people and ensuring safety at ground level.

to monitor their actual implementation," Mr. Kyd said.

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### Coppers cop hot choppers

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about," Mr. Clinton told the crowd, which was dwarfed by the huge Cobo Hall Conven-

### cy's general conference of last September. tions on tthe protection of

lear smuggling, an IAEA spokesman said.

analysis of confiscated materials." IAEA spokesman David Kyd told Reuters. NATO and the European Union have called for urgent action to halt smuggling with nuclear materials and the

The IAEA meeting follows a resolution from the agen-

tions as to what role it should play to stop nuclear smug-gling," Mr. Kyd said.

"It is not that the texts aree not there, but it is the ability

# Dublin welcomes U.S. aid for N. Ireland

DUBLIN (R) - Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds Wednesday welcomed a U.S. aid package for Northern Ireland and border areas as a boost for peace.

"The new package will certainly be welcomed in the places that have been devastated by the violence over the past 25 years," Mr. Reynolds told Irish Radio. He was commenting on re-

ports that U.S. President Bill Clinton unveiled a \$10 million increase in Washington's contribution to an international fund for Ireland over the next two years. Mr. Clinton will also host a

White House conference for trade and investment for Ireland in Philadelphia next April and will send Commerce Secretary Ron Brown to a British-organised conference in Belfast next month, the reports said.

The two confe meant to attract more private investment to Northern Ireland and border areas to capitalise on a skilled and ready work force and good infrastructure.

The Irish Times said it was British province and the Irish

the most "far reaching engagement by Washington in the economy and political life of any West European nation since the end of World War

Reynolds said he was "delighted that Northern Ireland was still at the top of the agenda of the American president." Mr. Clinton has thrown his

weight behind Anglo-Irish peace moves since the Irish Republican Army (IRA) cal-led a halt to its 25-year war against British rule of Northern Ireland on Sept. 1, ushering in the first real peace for decades.

Gerry Adams, president of the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, also welcomed the package and said he was confident that the potential for further U.S. investment is probably greater now than at any time in recent history.

U.S. financial backing is seen as crucial to Anglo-Irish plans to break down barriers between the Protestant majority and Catholic minority in Northern Ireland and to blur the border between the

The 40 per cent Catholic

minority has long complained of discrimination at the hands of Protestants and says the majority faith has a stranglehold on most good job oppor-Irish Foreign Minister Dick

Spring said in a statement that the package "should help us in ensuring there is a peace dividend resulting from what has happened over the last number of months. "It will also hopefully deter

people from having thoughts of turning back to violence."

Unemployment in Northern Ireland is running in excess of 13 per cent and Irish and British officials fear thepeace dividend may, ironically, swell dole queues because it will cut into the industry that has grown around security and construction.

subsidies from the London government, costs at least £2 billion (\$3 billion) a year to police with soldiers and the local constabulary, and has a heavily state-weighted eco-

running for an open Senate

seat, had vocally spurned Mr.

Clinton during an earlier

campaign swing through the state but his tune had

"President Clinton, we

welcome you," said Mr.

Carr, who is running for the

seat held by the retiring Sena-tor Donald Riegle, a Demo-

your leadership bring peace in the Middle East. We're

proud to have you in our state," added the prodigal

Democrat. "Mr. President,

your leadership has made a

difference here in Michigan.

Our economy is growing and

opportunities are expand-

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Mr. Carr is in a tight race

with former Republican state

party Chairman Spencer

Abraham, one of nine close

"We're proud to watch

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# 'Throw the bums out' sentiment prevails in U.S. elections Representative Bob Carr,

Kashmir from two ministers Washington (AFP) who openly bickered about how to end a rebellion that American voters are in a foul mood. They are cynical and spawned the abduction of disillusioned with incumbents as the Nov. 8 congressional Mr. Rao's move to quell elections approach and are dissent in his ranks came at a ready to toss them out of critical juncture for the office. northern state of Jammu and

Pollsters say voter disaffec-Kashmir, where over 17,000 tion may fall particularly hard on the Democratic Party of killed in a five-year-old rebel-President Bill Clinton which has the most to lose in the mid-term vote.

> The Democrats are defending 22 of the 35 Senate seats up for grabs, as well as 256 of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 21 of the 36 gubernatorial seats. A worried Clinton has

been campaigning long and hard for the Democrats to deflect the anti-establishment sentiment and help the party keep control of both the House and Senate.

If the Republicans make the inroads they predict, they would take control of both congressional houses for the first time in 40 years and would be in the governorships of the biggest

All of that would make life very difficult for Mr. Clinton in the second half of his term and. would made re-election to the White House in 1996 an uphill battle.

The public's distaste for career politicians and Washington in general has been gaining momentum over the last decade and was a factor in Mr. Clinton's: own triumphant march from Arkansas to the White House two years ago.

A campaign to clamp termlimits on elected officials has been winning support in the United States. Sixteen states, often with wide majorities, have supported the measure for congressional representa-

Six other states will ask



man Bob Carr (right) and wife Kate wave to

in Detroits' Cobo Hall. President Clinton was in Detroit to support Michigans' Democrats supporters after Mr. Clinton spoke at a rally before the election next week (AFP photo)

voters on Nov. 8 whether to impose limits on the number of consecutive terms an individual can serve. Colorado has already voted to impose a six-term (12-year) limit for representatives and will ask voters whether to further reduce it to three terms.

"The public thinks they're a great idea, a wonderful way of punishing politicians," said congressional scholar Thomas Mann. Sig Rogish, former adviser to President George Bush,

insisted that with term limits "you get more honest government, men and women who will stand up for something. "I think from it you will

have a candidate running on a platform of accomplishments without having to wrry about raising money the day after the elections," he added.

But Becky Cain, president of the League of Women

Voters, said such a rapid and widespread turnover would leave legislators easier prey for influence-peddlers and lobbyists. "We don't need a constitu-

tional amendment to turn people out of office. We already have term limits, and they're called elections." The Supreme Court will such voter-inspired term lim-

debate the constitutionality ... of tis after the delections, on Nov. 29, and a ruling is expected by early 1995. Two-term limits on the

presidency have been in place since 1951 following the four election victories of Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt between 1932-45. If the limits are accepted nationally, it could have a wide-ranging impact on Congress and its committees where seniority is traditionally decided by the number of

years of service. Paradoxically, it would be

the Republican Party, whose members are generally more

chamber. Strom Thurmond, 93, of South Carolina would be in line to head the Armed Services Committee and Jesse Helms, 73, of North Carolina the Foreign Affairs Commit-

head to roll as part of the anti-incumbency drive would be that of House of Representatives Speaker Tom Foley. The Washington state congressman is campaigning for a 16th term, but he is under the gun, in part due to his opposition to term limits.

Clinton in demand as popularity rises President Bill Clinton was suddenly in demand by Democratic candidates a

week before the elections.

contests that Republicans are hoping to win to gain control of the Senate. Polls had shown Republican challengers poised to take an unprecedented numfavourable to term limits. who would suffer the most if they regained control of the ber of Democratic seats on

Nov. 8 but that tide has been turning.
Mr. Clinton's popularity has since risen from the basement to the mid to high 40s on a strong economy with little inflation, foreign policy successes in Haiti and Iraq and the signing of a peace accord between Israel and But perhaps the biggest

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tion Centre.

what he said were the successes of his White House. "We brought down the deficit that the other party only talked about. We slashed the bureaucracy they only com-plained about. We cut the regulations that they gagged over but didn't do anything

Cinemas KANSAS CITY (AFP) — Americal Classics said Monday ned to build 40 m cinemas in Europa-D

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Gen. Grachev has championed Gen. Burlakov and sensuaded Mr. Yeltsin to create a special job for him in the Defence Ministry last August despite protests from presidential advisers.

Mr. Yeltsin said Gen. Burlakov, accused of involvement in corruption as commander of former Soviet forces in eastern Germany, had been removed to preserve the honour of the Russian Armed Forces.

"This shows civilian control over the military exists and that the president is listening to the opinion of the public and the press."
Mr. Yushenkov said.

Gen. Burlakov's sacking came three weeks after Dmitry Kholodov, a young Mos-cow reporter who had been probing mafia ties with military top brass, was killed by a briefcase bomb.

The killing provoked a storm of accusations that Gen. Grachev and Gen. Burlakov were involved. At the time Mr. Yeltsin defended Gen. Grachev, describing him as one of Russia's best defence chiefs.

But the president is a consummate political operator and would not hesitate to sacrifice Gen. Grachev if he felt he was becoming a liabil-

Later this month Gen. Grachev is due to address a duma bearing on corruption in the western group of forces, which Gen. Burlakov headed in Germany until the final troops were withdrawn in August.

"Burlakov's resignation is only part of the problem," Mr. Yushenkov told TASS. A senior Grachev aide Wednesday told Interfax News Agency that Gen. Burlakov had only been temporarily removed from his post.

Yelena Agapova said Gen. Burlakov had asked to be removed temporarily from



Russian Deputy Defence Minister General Matvei Burlakov, pictured during a Sept. 1, 1994, standing-down ceremony for his troops, was sacked for alleged corruption by Russian President Boris Yeltsin (AFP photo)

his post until the allegations of corruption had been

cleared up. The Russian media have published numerous articles detailing what they say is proof western group officers had been involved in illegal sales of weapons, oil, metals, property and duty free goods. Mr. Yeltsin signed an order Tuesday cutting his

prevent duplication of work, Interfax reported. It quoted Mr. Yeltsin's Chief of Staff Sergei Filatov as confirming there was such

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inside and outside the Kremlin, is estimated to be more than 1,000.

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Last Friday, a day after Viktor Chernomyrdin's government, the Duma passed a non-binding resolution call-

### criticised him for gathering a large and powerful adminis-

Mr. Yeltsin's opponents, both liberals and former Communists, have strongly tration which now occupies several buildings in central

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SARAJEVO (R) — U.N. pescekeepers said Wednesday reinforced Bosnian Serb moops were trying to fend off Muslim-led Bosnian govern-Coppers continent forces attacking a town Fighting raged around . Fighting raged around . Serb-held Bosanska Krupa The rebel Croatian Serbs

amid conflicting claims about which side was gaining the -Egoper hand in the northwest ... a week after the Muslim-led ... government army launched a major offensive in the region. "The situation at the mo-

ment is there is heavy fighting has not fallen to the BIH (Bosman government army) this stage," said U.N. imilitary spokesman : Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer

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pot to be identified, said Serb reinforcements may have flowed down the Bosnian Hirmy push out of the Bihac

enclave. Most Japan Bosnian Serbs received Most Jape some help in their fight teachers wint the government army from rebel Serb forces in operate Crossia, which occupy terri-

tle zone. The Krajina Serbs Tuesday hit the town of Velika Kladusa, north of Bihac, with nine artillery shells, killing one child, Col. Spicer

had mobilised 2,000 troops to help the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) and had massed men and weaponry along the border, the United Nations re-

U.N. peacekeeping commanders warned the rebels of the Krajina enclave their forces risked attack by NAIO warplanes if they took part in the fighting. There was still no evidence that Krajina Serb units had crossed over the border to fight alongside BSA soldiers.

Bosnian Croats said they had joined in the Muslim offensive against the Serbs in the Kupres region in central Bosnia but U.N. peacekeepers had not evidence the Croats were engaged in the

fighting.
The U.N. reported the Muslims had seized some high ground above Kupres but were not in a position to

seize the town. The United Nations said both armies traded heavy shelling attacks elsewhere in Bosnia and said government forces had evacuated Muslim civilians near Serb-held

Dr. Ghali said the issue of

repatriating the 250,000 Georgians who fled the rebel

territory during 13 months of

Brcko in possible preparation for a fresh assault on the Serb supply corridor in northern

"What we see is the busing of civilians away from the front line in a southerly direction. That is quite often a precursor to ground action, Gen. Spicer said.

The military situation remained unclear around the Bihac enclave since Serbs refused to let U.N. military observers enter the area.

But a Serb commander on the front near Krupa, Rajko Balac, told Reuters the RSA had "stopped the Muslim offensive and even managed to push them back across the Una River.'

It appeared the BSA had evacuated civilians from Krupa to a nearby town, U.N. observers said.

Muslim troops over the past week have captured some 250 square kilometres of Serb-held territory south and east of Bihac. The advance was the most serious defeat so far suffered by Serbs at the hands of the Muslim-led army in nearly 31 months of fighting in Bosnia.

Serb forces have always enjoyed superiority in tanks. artillery and other heavy weapons which has enabled them to take control of 70 per carrying out military action."

cent of Bosnia.

The U.N. believes the Serbs are now short of fighting men with their resources stretched by Muslim attacks near Sarajevo and in central Bosnia as well as the north-

The Bosnian Serbs have threatened to attack Saraievo in retaliation for the Muslim offensive and on Tuesday one of the capital's suburbs came under fire for the fourth day in a row.

Police said one person was wounded in the western suburb of Hrasnica when it was hit by two shells Tuesday afternoon, bringing the government's casualty count from shelling in Hrasnica over the past four days to 25 wounded and two dead.

Bosnian Serbs, who surround Sarajevo, have been responsible for most if not all of the firing.

Col. Spicer said the U.N. Protection Force stood ready to take "military action" to put a stop to the shelling.

The continued shelling and anti-aircraft fire on Hrasnica was "extremely serious business." Col. Spicer said. "We are making attempts to locate the weapons systems if the shelling does not cease or if we locate weapons systems

# Chali to chair Abkhazia- Georgia meeting in December

BILISI (AFP) — U.N. ati Wodnesday urged 3 wift return of Georgian resees to breakaway Abkhaand proposed to chair a secting of officials from leorgia, Abkhazia and Rusis in early December.

Speaking to reporters at the end of his 48-hour visit to Beorgia, his first since the tace three years ago, Dr. Movie Cish speeding up the process of On offer level."

fighting between Georgian government troops and Abkhazian separatist forces - which ended in Georgia's defeat in September 1993 --- , was the main issue in his talks with Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze and

Depending on the outcome of scheduled U.N. peace talks between Georgia and Abkhazia in Geneva this

month, Dr. Ghali said, "I consider the possibility of a meeting at the beginning of December where I intend to invite the president of Georgia, a high representative of Russia and Mr. (Vladislav) Ardzinba." the Abkhazian leader. Georgian officials' hopes

of a United Nations peacekeeping force faded further as Dr. Ghali said the deployment of such a force in Georgia's breakaway western region was not being "discussed" by the United Nations Security Council.

Mr. Shevardnadze appeared to confirm this, when he said, "Together with the United Nations, a very special role should also be played in settling this conflict by Russia and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent State.)." Dr. Ghali, who visited

Azerbaidian before Georgia, Wednesday left for the Armenian capital Yerevan where he is scheduled to discuss the six-year conflict with Azerbaijan over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

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the prince's showgirl," the Mail said. "I didn't go to bed with Charles," was the headline in today, "just good pals says mystic." "Crazy over gurt." said the Sun, adding: Charles loved Indian beau-

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# Angolans advance on Huambo

LUANDA (R) — Angolan government forces, driving hard against UNITA rebels before a ceasefire, will not try to seize the rebel stronghold of Huambo City, a senior government commander was quoted Wednesday as saying.
"We do not intend to take

Zambian capital which re-sulted in Monday's signing. the city, but to get as close as possible," armed forces Brigadier Jose Manuel Jota told the state Jornal De Angola. The government and National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) rebels initialled a peace pact in Lusaka, Zam-bia, Monday. UNITA said later it was concerned about a continuing government adv-Reuters. ance on towns and cities it

UNITA's representative to the United Nations Marcos Samondo told Reuters in a telephone interview Tuesday night Huambo would be strongly defended and the peace talks would be in

jeopardy if it fell.
"Our people will put up a very stiff resistance in Huambo," he said. "But if Huambo falls... the whole of Lusaka will go down the drain," he said, referring to nearly a year of negotiations in the

Diplomats in Lusaka said they were dismayed by government drive against Huambo which was threatening to unhinge the accord. "What the government is doing is totally out of context with the international community's efforts to help find peace in Angola," a diplomat told

Aid sources in radio contact with foreign staff in Huambo said Tuesday night they thought government forces had reached positions 25 kilometres from the central highlands provincial capital and were within artillery range.

Government aircraft had flown low over Huambo Tuesday but had not bombed it, they said.

Brig. Jota said the govern-ment had captured the town of Caala, 20 kilometres southwest of the city in Huambo province, but the aid sources said as of Tuesday night Caala had not failen.

The chiefs of staff of the two armed forces are expected to meet in the next few days for technical discussions about implementing a ceasefire, due to come into force on Nov. 17, two days after the official signing of a peace agreement.

'About 50 foreign aid workers were still in Huambo Tuesday night and it was not known if there were any plans for their evacuation. Brig. Jota said government forces had expelled UNITA rebels from the north of

Huila province, south of

Huambo province, and had reoccupied the town of Chongoroi, southwest of the western coastal city of Benguela.

No other details were

State-run media said Tuesday that Soyo, Angola's main on-shore oil centre, had been recaptured from UNITA and heavy fighting had taken place around the northwestern town.

Diplomats said they antici-pated a surge in fighting as the two sides tried to gain territory before the hopedfor Nov. 17 ceasefire.

A previous peace agreement in May 1991 collapsed 18 months later when UN-ITA leader Jonas Savimbi refused to accept defeat in U.N.-monitored elections and resumed the bitter civil war which erupted on independence from Portugal in 1975.

# U.N.: No evidence of fraud in Mozambique polls

MAPUTO (R) - The U.N.'s international observers, has special representative in Mozambique, Aldo Ajello, said Wednesday there was no evidence of fraud in the country's first multi-party elec-

But he said the world body's final verdict would be given only when counting was complete.

"The voting has taken place peacefully, in a wellorganised manner marked by very few technical prob-lems," Mr. Aiello told a Mr. Ajello told a Maputo news conference.

The United Nations, through its more than 2,300

received no information about any major irregularity, incident or breach of the electoral law, which could have adversely affected the validity of the elections," said Mr. Ajello.

The presidential and parliamentary elections, aimed at consolidating peace after 16 years of civil war, ran from last Thursday to Saturday and official results are ex-pected by mid-November.

The polls, the first since independence from Portugal in 1975,, were extended until Saturday after Afonso Dhia-

kama, leader of the former rebel RENAMO movement, called for a boycott just as voting was about to start.

The R. NAMO leader. who said the elections were rigged, later lifted the boycott under intense international pressure.

Only a tiny percentage of the estimated five-million plus votes cast have been counted so far but early unofficial results indicate a clear lead for incumbent President Joaquim Chissano and his ruling FRELIMO party, which says it is winning.

Mr. Ajello Wednesday refused to offer any projection

of the final outcome, but Western diplomats and a senior member of an international observer team, who asked not to be identified. said Mr. Chissano and FRE-LIMO would win about 55 per cent of the vote and Mr. Dhlakama and his party ab-

out 35 per cent. Without giving the basis for the projections the polsters said, however, there could be a five per cent margin of error in their calcula-

Mr. Ajello said the U.N. would not support any possible claim of fruad or intimidation.

# woman was 'just friends' with Charles

LONDON (R) — A mystery Indian woman, whose relationship with Prince Charles caused a frisson of alarm in Buckingham Palace, was quoted Wednesday as saying she shared with him "a great, deep friendship" but nothing

Zoe Sallis, 54 and ex-wife of Hollywood film director John Huston, grabbed headlines in Britain after she earned a passing reference in an authorised biography of

Prince Charles. "We had a great, deep friendship nothing more," Ms. Sallis told the Today newspaper after the Prince Of Wales was published Tuesday. Asked if she had slept with him, she smiled and shook her head before replying: "No," according to

the paper. The biography has gripped the nation with intimate details of the heir to the throne's life and of the collapse of his marriage to Prin-

cess Diana. Prince Charles and Ms. Sallis, a handmaiden to Ava Gardner in Huston's film The Bible, met at a polo game two years before he met his future wife. They developed a spiritual bond which the palace decided had to end, the book says.

After milking the latest biography for details of Prince Charles's relationships with Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Princess Diana, newspapers seized on the two-paragraph reference to Ms Sallis, who was not named, and set off in pursuit

The royal "ratpack" press corps swiftly tracked her down and close-up photographs of Ms. Sallis were splashed in most papers.
"We were not lovers, says

"It means a lot to me and I don't want to talk about it." Ms. Sallis said in one of a series of published com-ments. "If it was something frivolous, that would be okay

The prince's royal biographer Jonathan Dimbleby had whetted tabloid editors' appetites by referring to "a young Indian woman" in a chapter on Prince Charles's interest in eastern religions. I tion seats.



Two German policemen aim their weapons where one of the escaped convicts was holed up towards the entrance of the holiday village (AFP photo)

# Last German kidnapper surrenders

DRIEDORF, Germany (AFP) — A 40-hour crime spree that saw hundreds of German police chase and exchange fire with criminals who seized hostages and robbed a bank came to an end with the capture of one kidnapper and the surrender of

Rymond Albert, 32, gave himself up in a forest near this tiny holiday village in Germany, late Tuesday, a spokesman for the police in Giessen state announced. His accomplice, 35-year-

old Gerhard Polak, was

arrested several hours earlier

close to holiday chalets and a

campsite. Police said he had been lying on the ground in a vain bid to hide himself in undergrowth. But police took their time in running down Albert, nicknamed "the machete murderer" for his part in an armed robbery in which the

victim was beheaded. "We all

want to stay alive," an officer Albert, who was serving a life sentence when he and Polak broke out of Hamburg's notorious Santa Fu Jail on Oct. 10, had been regarded as the more danger-

The two began their 1,300kilometre cavalcade early Monday morning when they kidnapped two police officers in Stuttgart, southwestern Germany. The young policeman and

young policewoman, whom they forced to help with a bank robbery at Fulda in Hesse state, were the first of eight hostages the desperadoes took as they sped in hijacked cars through six of Germany's 16 federal states and exchanged shots with

police.

They set free their last three hostages early Tuesday near Driedorf where police found that black Mercedes 300 coupe they were using abandoned. After that they continued their flight on foot in the forest and long grass of the Westerwald.

Helicopters, an armoured car and scores of elite antiterrorist forces were at the scene to capture the pair, who sought refuge in the Driedorf holiday village occupied by about 30 fami-

On Tuesday morning

police sealed off an area of 10

square kilometres in their

hunt, for which they were

wounds suffered in one of several exchanges of fire with police. The wounded man was hospitalised together with the elderly couple of hostages the two finally freed early Tues-

The two, who had got away from the bank in Fulda with a

booty of some 200,000 marks

(\$133,000) mid-morning

Monday, first headed east,

freeing the two police officers

Twice more taking hos-

tages, they passed by Weimar

and Dresden, entering Sax-

ony and even heading for

Berlin at one point, before

turning back west again into

Thuringia, threatening to

blow their hostages and

themselves up with a grenade

During Monday night, they

briefly stopped near Erfurt

under a failed arrangement

with police to give first aid to

a hostage with gunshot

if police came too close.

at Suhl, in Thuringia.

Police said Polak had two guns, including an automatic weapon, on him when arrested, but a hand grenade in his rucksack was a dummy. He also had money in the haversack from the bank rob-

# Japan Diet passes electoral reform bill

also using dogs.

TOKYO (R) — Japan's low-er house of parliament Wednesday passed a sweeping electoral reform bill that changes the country's political landscape and gives opposition parties ammunition to step up pressure for an early election.

The bills approved by the 511-seat lower house complete a landmark electoral reform package introduced in January by the reformist Morihiro Hosokawa administration, now in opposition.

The reforms, the first major change of Japan's electoral system since 1925, redraw electoral maps, replacing the current multiple-seat districts with a combination of 300 first-past-the-post seats and 200 proportional representa-

To make campaigning cheaper and impose curbs on rampant political corruption. the bills tighten rules on campaign funds and stiffens penalties for violators of funding rules.

Related legislation introduces taxpayer-funded subsidies for political parties with at least five seats in parliament and 2 per cent of the total vote in national elections.

The bills are expected to clear the upper house of parliament by mid-November and be implemented after a mandated one-month period in which the government will familiarise voters with the

During debate on the bills, former Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata led opposition calls

for Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, leader of a three party coalition, to call elections once the reforms were in place, expected by mid-

Mr. Hata, who was replaced by Mr. Murayama in June, said an election before the scheduled 1997 date was the only honourable thing for the government to do now there was a new electoral system.

Mr. Murayama replied that he was not willing to "consider dissolving parliament without solving the many foreign and domestic issues the administration faces."

The passage of the bills forces both opposition and ruling camps to accelerate moves to regroup to fight

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The poll, taken on Oct. 26 and published in The Bulletin

ecckly magazine, showed

support for a republic had risen five per cent since August to 50 per cent, with 36 per cent opposed and 14 per cent still uncommitted, compared to 42 per cent opposed and 13 per cent uncommitted

in August. However, 17 per cent of the 503 respondents said the publicity surrounding the private lives of the royal family members had made them more supportive of a republic while 76 per cent said it had made "no difference."

Based on its poll findings.

The Bulletin concluded:

"The Queen is the glue hold-

ing together a monarchy tar-

nished by the sexual shenanigans of her progeny. If she were gone tomorrow...an Australian republic would be hastened."

Australia's push towards a republic has been a topic of hot debate note since Prime Minister Paul Keating announced plans for a referendum to decide if Australia should sever its link to the throne in 2001.

The most recent disclo-

sures about Prince Charles

here were in the authorised

biography by British journal-

ist Jonathan Dimbleby serial-

ised last month in media tv-

coon Rupert Murdoch's

newspapers. Australian Republican Movement chairman, lawver MalColm Turnbull said here Wednesday he believed the recent publicity had done immense damage to the monarchist cause.

believed more people would reject the monarchy as they realised it was based on a hereditary system rather than on an individual like Queen But there was no doubt

that support for a republic

was increasing, he said.

Speaking in a radio inter-

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# **Economic prosperity** needs political unity

THE THREE-day economic summit in Casablanca has ended on several upbeat points that aim to create a Middle East-North African common market that would facilitate the easy movement of trade and commerce between the countries of these two regions. The declaration that was adopted at the end of the conference is only the beginning of the road leading to closer economic integration of the states of the two affected regions. There will be a follow up review meeting in Amman by the middle of next year on how to translate the aims and objectives of the Casablanca Declaration into concrete terms, including the funding mechanisms. Jordan is already on the record as endorsing the idea of establishing a regional bank on economic development for the countries of the areas. Other nations, notably Saudi Arabia and other Arab Gulf countries, are clearly concerned that they will end up putting up the necessary funds for the proposed bank. Whatever the case maybe at the end of next year's discussion, the main thing is to create funding institutions by the completion of the peace process not only on the Arab-Israeli front but also on the inter-Arab level.

Admittedly economic forces in other parts of the world have succeeded in overcoming political differences and disputes. In the Arab World, it seems that the opposite is true. We have seen time and again how inter-Arab frictions have precluded economic cooperation between our states. Trade and commerce stopped completely at the first sign of political bikering between two or more Arab capitals. This much needs to be taken into consideration when the promoters of the Casablanca summit take follow-up steps to implement their lofty ideals. What all this boils down to is the fact the Arab house is nowhere near the point where it can put into effect the objectives of the Casablanca conference. As long as Syria and Lebanon, for example, are not fully integrated into the peace process, there can be no justification for euphoria in forging a workable common market for all the states of the Middle East and North Africa. The same goes for the Jordanian-Palestinian relations. It is hard to envisage a successful regional economic cooperation when the Palestinian economic perspectives and goals appear to be opposed to those of Jordan or even Syria for that matter. This means that there is a lot more to be done before regional economic planning can see the light of day. Besides, as long as the Arab capitals are deeply divided on their priorities and are not on the same wavelength when it comes to overall economic interests, they will continue to be an easy prey not only to Israeli economic designs but also to other manipulations from outside the region.

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THE GOVERNMENT should not have taken hasty moves and rushed the signing of the peace treaty with Israel before submitting it to Parliament for debate, said a columnist in Al Ra'i daily. We are unaware whether the move constituted a violation of the Constitution, but for all political considerations, the government ought to have asked Parliament for its views after having initialled the treaty a week earlier, said Hussein Abu Rumman. The government must have realised that the treaty would be endorsed by Parliament, and so it took the move, he said. But what if the deputies do not bless the move after their debate of its provisions? asked the writer. He said the government should now exercise self-restraint and flexibility to its utmost extent during the debate in the House; and ought to open the door for free expression of opinion, on the part of the various political groups. By so doing, the writer said, the government would show respect for the democratic system and help enhance national unity, which is a sacred goal for the nation.

TAHER AL ADWAN, a columnist in Al Dustour, cautioned the Arab countries against being carried away with promises given at the Casablanca conference, saying that there is a great difference between dreams and reality The projects that might be carried out in the Middle East and North Africa region could only have four sources of finance; the U.S., the Gulf states, Europe and Japan, said the writer. He said the United States could not be counted on in light of its present financial and economic circumstances; the Gulf states, which reluctantly attended the meeting are not in a position to extend aid following their losses in the Gulf war and Europe and Japan are not ready to fund any project unless they ensure a piece of the cake for themselves. As long as the U.S. insists on solely benefitting from any project politically, materially and otherwise, Europe and Japan will not help the region; and their attitude was clear in the case of the unfulfilled promises to the Palestine National Authority, said the writer. The solution, he said, is for the Arabs to open the door for Europe to play a more practical and leading role in their region politically and economically. Otherwise, he said, the projects will remain only ink on paper.

The View from Academia

# 'Good fences make good neighbours'

THE IMPLICATIONS of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty are manifold. Positively, much can be said about the end of the state of war (along with the bloodshed, displacement and suffering that have resulted or may result from it) between the two neighbouring countries, about the happy termination of the paralytic no-peace, no-war condition, about the healthy spirit prevailing since the start of the Wadi Araba negotiations, about the skill, efficiency and speed with which the talks have been brought to a successful conclusion and about the auspicious signs of the

One extremely important dimension I wish to highlight here, however, is the demarcation of the borderline. Already, some have addressed certain aspects of it, eloquently and persuasively. But other aspects still need to be dealt with equally effectively. I shall discuss one such crucial aspect here, an aspect which is two-fold.

Since the very beginning of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the borderline issue has been at the heart of the whole Middle East problem. Until recently, Israel, unlike almost all other countries in the world, has been borderless. For decades, this unfortunate fact has caused a great many headaches and has opened a great many cans of worms, especially for

Arabs, from all walks of life, feared the situation tremendously. Many still do. Most scholars writing about the Palestine question (Edward Said is a case in point) and the Middle Eastern dilemma as a whole have highlighted the matter, warning against the threats implied in a "state" with unlimited borders and ambiguous territorial aspirations. For years, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has carried in his pocket a coin which, in his opinion, illustrates clearly Israel's intention to "acquire" lands way beyond its borders. For many years also, Arabs and Muslims - children and adults, women and men, ordinary citizens, scholars, intellectuals, religious figures, media personalities and politicians - have lived with the fear that "Israel's borders are from the Euphrates to the Nile." This has not been a mere Israeli motto or slogan, but a frightening reality and a nightmare.

Israel's own rhetoric and acts have contributed immensely to the escalation of fear among the Arabs, of uncertainty about their territorial future and of scepticism with regard to Israel's good intentions. Israeli hardliners as well as moderates have for a long period of time spoken of the "Biblical Israel" or the "Greater Israel." Not only Menachem Begin and the likes of him but also Israeli radio has for years referred to the West Bank as Judea and

IT IS indeed ironic to see

certain groups seeking to

demonstrate and protest

against the Jordanian-

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had reached a deal with

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Samaria. But Israel's expansionist policies have spoken louder than words. Israel not only confiscated Jordanian land and water and declared Jersualem its "unified capital" (instead of Tel Aviv) but it also attempted to cross into Jordan in March 1968 and into Egypt and Syria in 1973, annexed the Golan Heights, created the so-called security zone in Lebanese territory, bombed the nuclear reactor in Baghdad, invaded Beirut in 1982 and air-raided the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) headquarters in Tunis.

In other words, at times abruptly and at times slowly Israel was expanding comfortably in nearly all directions to the east, north and south-west. Under the convenient pretext of security, it could claim any piece of land or geographic feature it sees fit and occupy it overnight. It sense of its border has been as flexible, loose and stretchable, whimsical as it conveniently wants. The point here is how can one feel living next to a neighbouring country who has left its borderline options open?

The Jordanian-Israeli treaty comes at the right moment to put an end to the fear, doubt, suspicion, scepticism, discomfort and anxiety (on part of the Arab World) emanating from the said state of borderlessness and an end to territorial ambiguity, tenuousness, looseness, greed, annexation and expansionism (on part of Israel). For one thing, the agreement spells out in the clearest terms possible that "the boundary, as set out in Annex 1 (a), is the permanent, secure and recognised international bound-ary between Jordan and Israel" and that "the two parties recognise" the whole "international boundary, including the territorial waters and airspace, as inviolable, and will respect and comply with them." For another, the Jordanian borderline with Israel is the longest in the region, and therefore the most significant. A great many Arab territories, including those of the Euphrates, lie beyond it. The delimitation of the borderline, as stipulated in the treaty, makes it clear for the first time in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and one and for all, that this is where Israel's geographic claims end i.e. it cannot and ought not claim any inch east of the line, not now, not in 10 years, not in millennia to come. Case closed.

If Israel is to cross over, it is for noble human purposes, such as tourism, trade, cooperative ventures, intellectual encounters, cultural exchange programmes — with our

own permission and volition, of course. But the demarcation of the borderline is important in another sense. In my opinion, it comes as a blow to many of the exaggerated or false myths, we have allowed ourselves

to harbour, nourish and at times thrive on regarding Israel, The myths, which are part of one larger myth of course, are numberless: That Israel's talk about peace is all nonsense because it does not mean what it says, that Israel will not return to us any piece of land it occupied (which is what many Israeli leaders were saying for years and years), that Israeli negotiators are too smart, too cunning, too elusive, too tricky to deal with.

The larger myth is Zionism. Zionism, we are told (and many of us swallow big chunks of this nonsense without chewing), is not only evil but is so mighty, so strong and so influential it controls all world politics. The Zionists, the myth goes on, plan and execute the domestic and foreign policies of the USA. Western Europe and (most recently) Japan. They control international businesses, financial markets and the biggest industries. Zionism is an octupus which has a finger or a hand in every sensitive or vital spot or arena in the world. How come, and this is the point they want to stress in this context, an entity of such calibre and status content and limit itself to a small fraction of the Middle East?

This highly inflated, highly fictionalised mode of thinking (even though it has derived much of its force from past and still present - Israeli rhetoric and irresponsible acts) has harmed us for decades. We have harmed ourselves greatly through believing such fabrication of facts — deliberate or unintentional. Thank God wars seem quite unlikely now. However, during the peace era, in which we are supposed to enter into healthy competition with Israel or cooperation (as the case may well be), we ought to see Israel through our realistic eyes. We have to put a speedy end to such myths whose sole aim is to make us look weak

The Jordanian-Israeli treaty (in my mind) already put an end to such myths and such unrealistic perceptions; to put an end to it in the minds of many others, it may require some time. But this is not going to take long. The demarcation of the borderline signifies beyond any doubt the true size and stature of Israel.

Israel is not an octupus, nor is it a superman. It is a small country, with a weak economy and in need to live among welcoming neighbours — despite its distinction in some fields. It needs its neighbours, perhaps more than they need it. For this reason, it needs to mend fences with them, to erect clear-cut walls. Robert Frost is absolutely right, "Good fences make good neighbours." This is a big lesson we learn from the borderline demarcation.

# Ingratitude

ground for them to delve deep into negotiations with the purpose of arriving at a solution for the problem of the Palestinian people to guarantee the fulfilment of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights and the assertion of their identity and the restoration of their Was Jordan supposed to

Jewish state. But these wait for the time when it Israeli groups did not resort would be playing the role to fiery speeches inside of a lever exercising pressplaces of worship. Neither ure on others and impeding did they instigate the public the Palestinian-Israeli against the state or accuse negotiations so that it would be said that the Those groups, which Kingdom never abandoned Arab rights and that it is at outside Jordan, seem to be the forefront of opponents of the kind of people who of the capitulatory soluare unable to absorb lestions?

It was a matter of life and death for Jordan: whether it would be one of the players in the Middle East region or an insignificant entity in the new Middle East equation.

The peace treaty has reasserted the Jordanian role and transformed it from one serving as a buf-

the Arab oil rich states since it has the longest confrontation line, into a bridge for the formation of a new Middle eastern relationship. In other words, the treaty proved that Jordan's role has not ended and that the Kingdom will continue to exist during the peace time as it did during the past wars.

These are simply the givens of the present. As to the past lessons from which many inside and outside Jordan still refuse to learn, They can be summarised in one single word: Ingratitude.

What is note-worthy here is the fact that all those groups which are trying to instigate the public to rise against the treaty are all indebted for their existence to Jordan, which provided them with protection and served as a haven for them all these years at a time when they were unwanted in most parts of the Arab

World. These groups seem now to have a nostalgia for a repetition of the September

1970 events in Jordan which almost ruined the Palestinians and the Jordamians had the instigators of these events succeeded in their objective of erasing the Jordanian entity.

Had the evil instigators succeeded there would not have been a city like Amman, a capital of a country that successfully experienced two parliamentary elections since 1980 and provided refuge to the displaced Palestinians after their eviction from Kuwait following the mad Iraqi adventure of 1990.

Those groups, which have a nostalgia for the past days of September 1970, are the same who are now trying to outbid others. They believe that ingratitude is a virtue.

Those people should ask themselves one question: Would they be able to do all the shouting and instigation they are doing now without being harmed in a country other than Jordan?

The writer is managing editor of the London-based Al Hayat newspaper; The above is a translation of an article that appeared in that paper.

# Bosnian suspects U.N. path leads to partition

By Kurt Schork Reuter

SARAJEVO — Bosnian government officials, convinced that the U.N.'s mission is now to contain the war and partition Bosnia at almost any cost, say they will let the peacekeepers leave rather than play by. their rules.

"The target of U.N. Protection Force (UNPRO-FOR) is first to freeze the existing situation, to get agreement from the Serb side for every action they take," Minister Without Portfolio Hasan Muratovic told the Sarajevo daily

Oslobodjenje, "This freezing of the situation is unacceptable even if the price of that is the withdrawal of UNPRO-

The charge of bias in favour of Bosnian Serbs has haunted the peacekeepeing mission throughout 30 months of war in which government troops have lost 70 per cent of the country.

When the Bosnian government agreed to take-itor-leave-it big power peace plan in the summer, the Serbs said no.

That was supposed to trigger tougher military measures against Bosnian Serb violations of heavy weapons exclusion zones and obstruction of the U.N.'s humanitarian aid effort.

Instead, UNPROFOR has turned more of a blind eye to Serb violations since they rejected peace than it did before.

Serbs cut the main commercial supply route into Sarajevo with heavy weapons fire and have blocked scores of convoys to the city and three iso-lated Muslim enclaves.

Fuel shortages are so critical the U.N. may have to curtail its operations in the enclaves, some of them desperate for food, antibiotics and pain killers and shelter materials to see them through the winter. The Bosnian Serb army

has again begun shelling "safe areas" where civilians are supposed to enjoy a guarantee of U.N. protection against artillery

A western suburb of Sarajevo has been shelled for two nights running and Zepa has also been hit. These are safe areas apparently targetted by Serbs who had boasted they would retaliate for government advances else-

U.N. peacekeepers, led by British LieutenantGeneral Sir Michael Rose, say using force to modify Bosnian Serb behaviour is an option of last resort even under current circumstances.

He warns a more aggressive UNPROFOR posture could trigger a violent Serb response, forcing-U.N. troop-contributing nations like Britain and France to pull out.

"It looks like everybody in the world is concerned about the collapse of the United Nations mission in Bosnia," Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic told Reuters.

What about the collapse of Bosnia? The United Nations peacekeeping mission is not an end in itself." Relations between the United Nations and the Bosnian government have reached their lowest point since the winter of 1992-93. when Muslims in the three eastern enclaves nearly starved before the U.N.

Bosnia's U.N. ambassador recently called for Gen. Rose's court martial and all eight Bosnian parliamentary parties have demanded the general's resignation.

intervened

They charged him with being soft on rebel Serbs and keener to implement the policies of the British government than the resolutions of the U.N. Security Council.

Bosnian troops opened fire on French peacekeepers twice in the past week as the U.N. tried to force the government soldiers out of a demilitarised zono west of the capital.

Britain and France, who contribute the core of the UNPROFOR peacekeeping force, have threatened to withdraw their troops if the situation in Bosnia de • teriorates to the point where they are under general attack by either warring faction.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe is lobbying to permit Bosnian Serbs to confederate with neighbouring rump Yugoslavia
— a move that would fatally undermine Bosnia's sovereignty and integrity. French Defence Minister Francois Leotard, joined by British and Russian ministers, is helping blocking a U.S. effort to lift the U.N. arms embargo that has crippled Bosnian miltiary efforts.

With Gen. Rose's peacekeepers securely harnessed to British and French diplomacy, the Bosnian government might be forgiven for brooding on the adage that even paranoids have enemies.

# Algerian rebels send death from the hills

AN ALMOST cheerful note had crept into the voice of Djaffar, an Islamic guerrilla fighter, as he wound through the Atlas mountains in a stolen Toyota Land Cruiser.

In his black scarf and Ray-Ban sunglasses, he was recounting his various killings as fondly as a holidaymaker reminiscing about a successful fishing trip.

Clutching the wheel of the Tovota that he had "liberated" from the police just a few days before, he non-chalantly recalled his most recent "job" - slitting the throat of a local administrator.

"We treat our enemies well," he chortled. " I gave him water and let him pray before I did it."

The reputation for brutality of men such as Djaffar is well earned. Since 1992, when the army stepped in to cancel an election expected to have been won by the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). Algeria has been gripped by a civil war that is now claiming hun-dreds of lives a week.

French officials say the fighting matches the intensity of the eight-year Algerian war of independence against France four

decades ago. As European governments watch in alarm, fearing an exodus of refugees across the Mediterranean. entire regions of Algeria are being turned into no-go The government can claim full control only in the cities, Algeria's infrastructure is crumbling; if the oil and gas industries collapse under rebel pressure.. the economy could grind to a halt.

The government of President Lamine Zeroual, accused of methods of every bit as brutal as those of the rebels, has imposed a virtual news blackout, so the fighting has gone almost unreported. Foreign journalists have decamped from the capital and their Algerian counterparts are being murdered regularly for what they write.

Foreigners are now top of the rebels' hit list. Nearly 70 have been murdered in the year since the militants issued an ultimatum to all non-Algerians to

Two Spanish nuns joined the grim toll last week. "We warned the foreigners to leave," said Oussama, a former mayor turned commander. "Why did they

stay?
We accept the consequencs of our deeds. Whoever supports the regime is against us. It would have been better if foreign gov-

emments had called back their nationals instead of supporting this regime with Why are your governments supporting this reg-

ime? You always talk about

democracy. Well, we were elected democrats. Yet you don't support us."

Although the rebels are fighting for the creation of an Islamic republic faithful to the tenets of the Koran. Oussama denied that an Islamic government would shut off the country. "We can do business

with the West. Why shouldn't we? We've grown up in a French culture. We know how Wersterners Oussama is a commander

in the Army of Islamic Salvation, the main militant group, in the Atlas mountains near the town of Chief. In huts scattered across a hillside, some 100 of his men lounged around awaiting orders.

They seemed unperturbed over the prospect of being hunted down by the army, even though most of them were armed only with shotguns. The rebels insisted they also had artillery pieces, although the only heavy gun on display was a large calibre machinegun on the back of

a lorry.
They looked well fed and relaxed but evidence of the try from the rest of the world, as Iran did after its 1979 conflict, which claims several hundred lives each

week, is all around. The countryside is char-

red; more than 600 schools

have been put to the torch

by rebels. Teachers, fear-

ing for their lives, have removed foreign languages or music from the curriculum. Girls no longer go to physical fitness classes. The security forces, for

their part, have set fire to thousands of acres of forest in a vain attempt to smoke the militants out of their hideouts. The charred remains of trees stretch for miles in some parts of the mountains and at night the hills glow orange in the distance.

From here the road eastwards to the capital is deserted: government forces defend small police stations or administrative offices; in one attack last year, the rebels killed 50 policemen. So entrenched are the militants that they have set

up roadblocks that look just like the government ones. Mirrors on hilltops are used to signal messages астоss the beautiful, rugged terrain, whose slopes were once famed for a red wine developed by former French colonial masters. The vineyards have

vanished; today the haunting landscape makes just as ideal a hiding place for the maquis, as the resistance is known, as it did in the war against France from 1954 to Just as then, the rebels are operating in company-

sized units of about 100 Sunday Times.

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Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

# Rabin rejects talks with Hamas

and the suicide bombing of the Tel Aviv bus, leaving a toll of 24 civilians and two

"We can make an agreement under international supervision," Sheikh Hamami told the Associated Press.

Before the dialogue could start, they said Israel would have to stop the sweeping arrests of activists and half threats against the movement. Mr. Rabin has said about 150 activists seized were undergoing harsh interrogation. Hamas in general wants a

full army withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza, as well as dismantling over 140 Jewish settlements before it would accept a truce with the Jewish state. More radical elements push for Israel's complete destruction.

The clerics also said any successful dialogue would have to result in the release of Sheikh Ahmad Yasin, the spiritual leader and founder of Hamas. He was arrested in 1989 and sentenced to life in prison for ordering the killing of Israelis and Palestinian informants.

Wednesday morning.

queued for permits outside

Gaza City labour offices, pro-

testing and shouting when

their names were not called

us," said Fathy Al Wadeya,

42. "There is no work here, I

searched for a job in industry

but there are aiready

thousands waiting."
"What can I do, either I

steal or turn against the gov-

ernment here and against

Unemployment in Gaza

was estimated at 40 per cent

even before the closure. And

many Palestinians who man-

aged to get a permit could not

get to work because they

were too few for buses orga-

office employee, said his

brother and four friends

working for an Israeli com-

pany, could not find any trinsport.

had to go on foot and be met

by employers on the Israeli

side of roadblocks, because

Palestinian private cars and

trucks were not allowed out.

Mr. Mudallal said the per-

mits issued Tuesday evening

were for workers older than

37. He expected more to be

issued this week for those

all the Palestinian workers

would be allowed through

today," said Captain Hannie

Jeshurun, spokeswoman for

israel's military administra-

Israel announced Tuesday

that 8,000 permits would be

granted to married Palesti-

tion of the territories.

"We did not promise that

Those who did get through

Abdullah Nasser, a labour

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"What about the rest of

(Continued from page 1) Sheikh Hamami, a civic leader for Hamas who runs guerrillas, told Israel radio in

clincis and schools in Jerusalem, said he was responding personally to Mr. Shahal's statement, but a formal reaction would need more discussion among Hamas

The two cieries told the Arabic-language daily Al-Quds that they would enter such a dialogue in order to stop the bloodshed.
"We want a dialogue as

soon as possible under international, Arab or Palestinian care," Sheikh Abu Kwaik, a cleric in the occupied West Bank town of Ramaliah, told Al\_Quds.

The two leaders called for an end to the killing of Israeli and Palestinian civilians. We want to stop the bloodshed," Sheikh Abu

Kwaik said. Israel plans to seal two homes belonging to the families of Palestinians killed last month while holding a kidnapped Israeli soldier, a relative said Wednesday.

"Officers came here and gave (my husband) a paper in Hebrew and he took it to the

### lawyer," Umm Walid, By John Daniszewski mother of one of the two The Associated Press

savagely so quickly.

As the dazed country

struggles to rebuild, the United Nations considers a

tribunal on genocide and up to two million refugees

contemplate whether to re-

turn to an uncertain wel-

come or to remain in exile.

prevailed since a predomi-

nantly ethnic Tutsi rebel

movement drove out a gov-

ernment dominated by the

Hutu majority in July. The

question that haunts inter-

national observers is

whether the calm is perma-

nent or simply a prelude to

"Rapid disintegration"

remains a possibility, said

Alison Des Forges, a histo-

rian who has studied Rwan-

da for two decades and now

is a consultant to Human

does not have the resources

to establish its authority in

anything other than a milit-

ary sense," she said.

"Meanwhile, the guys on

the outside are cocky as

Much of the defeated

Hutu army is in refugee

camps in neighbouring

countries. Supposedly they

have been disarmed, but

observers believe they have

Hutu leaders are demanding a role in the new

government in Kigali and

threaten to resume fighting

if they are not. Tutsis say

they will never work with

leaders of a government

that U.N. investigators

have blamed for unleashing

extremist Hurus who mas-

sacred an estimated

500,000 people from April

The new government

says it has changed the

direction of Rwandan poli-

tics. Theogene Rudasing-

wa, secretary-general of

the victorious Rwandan

Patriotic Front (RPF), said

it has established "the first

really broad-based govern-

ment in the history of

The president, prime

minister and two-thirds of

the cabinet are Hutus. But

Maj. Gen. Paul Kagame, a

Tutsi, who is a vice presi-

dent and defence minister.

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An unnatural peace has

KIGALI - A cyclone of Arab East Jerusalem. hatred swept this small A Palestinian newspaper said Israeli police gave the Bader and Natsheh families African nation and left in its wake more than a halfmillion dead. in East Jerusalem 48 hours to Seldom in the annals of appeal the order. The famihuman cruelty have so lies have hired a lawyer to file many people been killed so

the appeal, Umm Walid said. A police spokesman said he was checking the report.
The two Hamas guerrillas were killed during a failed Israeli commando operation to rescue corporal Nachshon

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Arabic. Both houses are in

shot dead their bound captive when the troops burst into their West Bank hideout. Israel, using laws inherited from British colonial rule some 50 years ago, regularly closes or destroys the homes of Palestinians suspected of

The army said the men

against Israelis. Last month, the Israeli army sealed the West Bank house of the Tel Aviv suicide bomber. His family has launched an appeal in the Israeli

carrying out lethal attacks

# Election talks start next week

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distributed in time for nians over the age of 30 who had previously worked in Around 400 workers Israel, but they had not all been delivered.

"The process of distributing permits has begun but it takes time because for Gaza the Palestinian Authority has to draw up a list of workers and hand it to us," Capt. Jeshurun said.

Meanwhile, Israel's Labour Minister Ora Namir called for \$9,000 fines and six months in prison for Israeli employers who take on Palestinian workers without

Violence erupted at Erez in mid-July when thousands of workers went on a rampage after Israel tightened border checks. Two Palestinians were shot dead, and scores injured. An Israeli soldier later died of his wounds.

> Gaza farmers protest plan

Plans to build an airport in the autonomous Gaza Strip have stirred up a storm of protest among hundreds of farmers who stand to lose their land.

Hundreds of Palestinians blocked a main highway in southern Gaza on Tuesday following reports that the self-rule authority would ex propriate the area outside Rafah, near the border with Egypt.

A committee is studying ways to compensate the 2,000 farmers following a decree by Mr. Arafat to use the site, officials said.

Some 300 men, women and children placed rocks across a highway leading to the border with Egypt on Tuesday.

They dispersed peacefully a few hours later after Rafah police Brigadier-General Mohammad Jooda said no final decision had been made and promised to pass on complaints to the authority.

"Free us from the settlers before building an airport." read one banner. The demonstrators also de-

manded that the authority look after more urgent problems such as the thousands of Palestinians still in Israeli Lawyer İbrahim A Dagh-

ma, who sits on the compensation committee, confirmed Mr. Arafat had issued a decree as carried in the daily Arabic press.
"It is important for the

Palestinian Authority to have an airport, the farmers can move to another spot," he said, adding that the location was also linked to security matters and agreements with Israei. Most of the 24 square

kilometres of land in question is government property which was taken over by farmers and residents over the They never registered the property, but paid taxes

throughout the Ottoman empire, the British mandate and Israeli occupation, said Mr. Daghma. An unspecified number of families will have to immediately evacuate three

square kilometres, with the The question now is how rest to follow. to stop Rwanda's seeming-There are more than 300 ly endless cycles of reprisal, homes in the area and more repression, violence and than 2,000 farmers work the death. The new government land. They should all be eligible for compensation, said

finds itself in charge of a traumatised people and

After cyclone, a dazed country tries to rebuild

The retreating Hutu gov-ernment looted the national bank, and new Finance Minister Marc Rugenera confesses he does not even have keys to open the central bank's vault. He could blast it open. "But we need that building," he said in an interview.

At the moment, the government cannot pay civil servants or its army, and it depends on handouts from foreign governments and international aid agencies to repair war-ravaged water mains and telecommunications networks.

Ironically, in the refugee camps, the defeated Hutu soldiers are being paid with the purloined national assets. The former government also carried off all Rwanda's reserves of foreing currency.
"With this shortage of

foreign exchange the country cannot import anything. Our private sector cannot import spare parts, factories cannot bring in raw materials, and we have no revenues because income taxes are impossible," Mr. Rugenera said.
The country's top prior-

ity is stability so that refugees feel safe to return, Gen. Kagame said. The government also

seeks foreign help to restart the economy, he said. And it plans an education campaign to teach Rwandans tolerance in hopes that ethnic slaughter will never take place again. A slaughterhouse in

April and May, its streets awash in blood and bodies, Kigali was a ghost town when the rebels finally seized control in July.

As the rebels approached, Hutus ran away by the hundreds of thousands. In a single day in April, more than 250,000 crossed into Tanzania. within a five-day period before the end in July, 1.2 million people poured into eastern Zaire. Huddled in miserable

camps, lacking clean water and living atop their own body wastes, 50,000 to 60,000 of these refugees died of cholera and other diseases in the three weeks it took Western troops and aid groups to set up basic hygiene. The refugees have for the

most part stayed in exile, cowed from returning both by the armed Hutu militants in their midst and the shadowy reports of Tutsi reprisals back home. Fearful Hutus still trickle out of Rwanda. By August, a new

population had started moving into Rwanda. The children of Tutsis expelled in a wave of Hutu bloodletting in 1959 returned from exile in Uganda and began occupying abandoned



A Rwandan woman takes care of her baby at a refugee camp (AFP photo) Nations, aid groups and

houses and businesses. They were joined by Rwandan Tutsis who hid themselves during the latest slaughter and some Hutus willing to trust the government's promises of reconciliation.

The United Nations estimates there are now about 5 million people in Rwanda, compared to 7.9 million before the war. Tutsis, just 15 per cent of the population before the war, may make up half the population of Kigali now,

Returnees and the newcomers are breathing life into the capital. Electricity is on again, and much of the city has

running water, thanks to U.N.-hired contractors. A handful of restaurants and nightclubs are open. The market bustles with hawkers selling bananas, papayas and unplucked chickens. Gasoline stations operate althought here are few cars aside from those belonging to the United

government troops. Scars of the fighting remain. But the thousands of bodies are buried, and the dogs that fattened on them are being shot. The stench of death that once permeated the city is now unde-

tected beneath the perfume

of the hibiscus. The Hotel

Mille Collines has refilled its swimming pool. In the countryside, villages also are slowly filling up with people. Without fanfare, U.N. military observers say, workers are returning to their banana groves and terraced hillside

fields. In the eastern hamlet of Bwinsanga, where the new Tutsi head man says 300 to 350 villagers were massacred, there is an icy silence between surviving Tutsis and Hutus.

Leaders of the government have demanded that the former Hutu leaders be tried for genocide. The U.N. Security coun-

decision on a war-crimes tribunal. But U.N. spokesman Paul Mehu in Kigali said, "it is the intention of the international community to bring to justice the people who are responsi-There could be thousands, and prosecution

cil has not made a final

would be expensive in time and money for a world organisation already preoccupied with other crises. Prosecuting the guilty is

the key to preventing a recurrence, said Ms. Des Forges, the historian, but itis still an open question if the world will show the "It's not impossible that

we're just going to fink out," she said. On the other hand, "there are a lot fo guilty consciences around... There's this feeling that we let people be slaughtered and did nothing, and now the least we can do is bring these people

# Lebanon to protest Israeli rejection of 425 (Continued from page 1)

soldiers and newspaper head-

fines screamed "disgrace." Ordinary Israelis were left wondering if their army had lost the fighting spirit now that peace seems at hand. Yoav Gilber, a historian at Haifa University, said the spirit of "sacrifice" that carned Israel through five wars

is crumbling. 'A system of norms has taken over where it's every man for himself. Don't worry about the masses and don't be a sucker." Mr. Gilber said, "And we see this being expressed in the army. Saturday's hit-and-run

attack was the first on an Israeli outpost in South Lebanon by Hizbollah fighters since April. Hizbollah cameramen filmed the attack, showing well-armed soldiers taking the position and blowing it up.

The grainy film was quickly distributed throughout Lebanon, where it is sure to win recruits to the ranks of Hizbollah. Israeli TV picked up the film and ran a version of it several times.

An army investigation revealed a number of Israeli soldiers abandoned their position after it came under

rocket fire, opening a flank to

Mahmoud Yusef, assistant to

Mr. Rabin, a former general and defence minister, clearly was not pleased by the conduct of the soldiers and angry that no Hizbollah fighters died.

"The fact that the attack by Hizbollah did not end with real punishment to the attackers is not a success for us, and I am putting it mild-Mr. Rabin said.

The army said two officers and five soldiers will face disciplinary action and that all troops involved would be immediately removed from the zone Israel controls in South Lebanon

# **Security commission** starts Kabul clean-up

security official said.

"Our aim is to create an atmosphere of security, calmness and to prevent disorder," General Yunus Qanooni, chief of the Kabul Security Commission which ordered the operation, told

men for valid firearms permits.

Black plastic window

Workers from the Kabul municipality also began dismantling the network of bunkers that line many central Kabul streets.

bead of garrison forces, Gen. Baba Jan. toured Kabul in a convoy of trucks carrying heavily armed troops to check that the security commission orders were being

unauthorised armed man roaming anywhere in the city now," said Gen. Qanooni.

mited number of permitcarrying commanders and their bodyguards will be allowed to bear arms in Kabul, a system that disintegrated when the current factional fighting erupted in

"Our action shows that the Islamic state of Afghanistan is concerned with the safety of Kabul citizens," he added. The clean-up has been

taken as a sign of confidence on the part of military forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani that the defence of the capital is well in hand. Many jeeps patrolled Kabul with loudspeakers announcing the operation, which, Gen. Qanooni explained, involved Interior Ministry gendarmes (former-

ly called Sarandoy), army un-

its, and security department

troops.

For 10 months pro-Rabbani troops have been fighting off a coalition of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami faction together with ex-communist forces of Uzbek General Abdul Rashid Dostum and the Shiite Hezb-e-Wahdat

robbery, looting, kidnapping and murder were reportedly carried out by undisciplined The frontlines in the east

and south of the capital were calm as the city-wide cleanup got underway. Locals speculated that the action may be linked with the recent peace initiative of United Nations special envoy Mahmoud A spokesman for the state

consideration but there is is sufficient harmony between the position of Rabbani and Mestin's peace prop-

# After Cairo, surprising momentum on population sult in a statement of broad

Reuter

WASHINGTON — Cairo

deliberations of the Sept. 5-13 gathering in the Egyptian capital wondered whether anything was real-

say yes.
"I think Cairo could be the start of a gender quake - the start of a really

profound shift in the status of relationships between men and women around the world," Alex Marshall, a spokesman for the United Nations Population Fund, said in an interview. Having attended international and regional meet-

shall has a rather jaundiced view of many such proceedings. But for him, the meeting now known simply as "Cairo" was different.

consensus and have little impact on people's daily

"Who the hell cares about a global consensus?" he said. But that was before Pope John Paul weighed in with a series of comments targeting the conference's draft document for its stance favouring abortion rights and women's empowerment.

"Luckily his holiness

came to the rescue," is how Mr. Marshall saw it, asserting the Vatican's attacks on the meeting drew more attention to it and could spark more action after it. That sentiment is shared by Lori Ashford, a senior

policy analyst at the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau, a non-profit educational organisation that has monitored population issues since 1929. "I heard people com-

plain that the abortion issue is detracting from the meeting, the Vatican is detracting... But I think actually the controversy and the conflict created more attention." Ms. Ashford said in an inter-

"If it had just been another ho-hum conference on demographics no one would have watched it on television," she said. While Ms. Ashford ack-

nowledges controversy over abortion and other fractious issues drew attention to the Sept. 5-13 Cairo conference, the final document was remarkable for its concord over the need to improve the lot of women. "The advancement of women is key and I can't think of any U.N. meeting

or document that promoted women as much as this has," she said. Both Ms. Ashford and Mr. Marshall saw this emphasis on women's empowerment as crucial to changing world behaviour and both were optimistic

this could take place. Mr. Marshall saw changes coming in the area of abortion, especially support for ending unsafe abortions.

Another reason for optimism was increased financial commitment to population and development programmes by rich nations including the United States, Britain, Japan and Germany in addition to aid from international lending institutions, Mr. Mar-

He said this support would go beyond family planning aid to include other areas including the fight against sexually transmitted disease, AIDS prevention and care, infertility and issues of consent in sexual relationships.

effectiveness of the Cairo meeting was raised at the conservative CATO Institute in Washington where development economist Lord Peter Bauer dismissed the notion that limiting population would spur economic development.

A voice of dissent on the

# Trial begins of **Brooklyn Bridge attack**

lawyer for the man who killed one Hasidic student and wounded three others on the Brooklyn Bridge last March said Tuesday that the detendant was not responsible because Mideast turmoil had made him insanc.

Attorney Eric Sears told a Manhattan jury in state supteme court they should look beyond "the 15 or so seconds" in which Rashid Baz, 28, sprayed a van filled with 15 Hasidic Jewish students with automatic gunfire. They should try to understand what role his upbringing and experiences played in that assault.

Mr. Scars said Mr. Baz lived until he was 18 in Lebanon amid civil war and violence which, "besides being constant and random, was often brutal. The house you left in the morning could be

"Those years inevitably left scars on his personality. Mr. Sears said. He said he will call psychiatric experts. including one who deals specifically with mental trauma among Arab-Americans who have come from war-torn

Mr. Baz, a Lebanese national and a Brooklyn livery cab driver, is charged with the murder of Aaron Halberstam, 16, on March 1 while the teenager and 14 other Yeshiva students were returning to Brooklyn from a

Manhattan hospital. Mr. Baz admits he shot at the van, but in a videotaped statement for police he said the van cut him off at the bridge's ramp. He said he and the passengers traded insults, and he fired only after

the van's driver shot at him.

Assistant District Attorney

Armand Durastanti said the evidence will show that Mr. Baz's account is untrue. Baz. the prosecutor said, opened fire almost as soon as he saw the van enter the bridge's approach ramp. One piece of evidence, Mr.

Durastanti said, is a bullet recovered from a nearby building which was fired from the Cobray .9mm machine pistol that was taken from Mr. Baz. The prosecutor said the bullet's travel path shows Mr. Baz was on the entrance ramp when he shot. The defendant intended

succeeded in killing one." Mr. Durastanti said. An Egyptian auto mechanic led police to Baz when he told them "a man he knew as 'Ray' told him he had just killed some Jews on the Brooklyn Bridge," Mr.

to kill all 15 in the van and

KABUL (AFP) — A government programme began Wednesday to clean up central Kabul and restore the Afghan capital to some degree of calm after months of intense bombardment and close-quarter fighting, a

Kabul residents were treated to the rare sight of security troops stopping vehicles in the street and checking gun-

shades were summarily ripped off so that drivers and passengers could be easily

Sen. Qanooni and acting

implemented smoothly.
"You will not find a single From now on only a lifaction. Amid the conflict, acts of

Mestin. news agency Bakhtar said: "The U.N. plan is still under much optimism because there

By Deborah Zabarenko

population conference shone a spotlight on abortion, birth control, women's rights and sex and started a surprising momentum for progress on those issues, according to experts. Many who followed the

ly going to change.
Surprisingly enough, considering the ineffectiveness of many such world gatherings, veterans of global diplomacy and population controversies

ings on population issues since the 1970s, Mr. Mar-

Before Cairo, Mr. Mar-shall said, U.N. officials wondered how they could get the world to pay attention to yet another conference that would likely re-

# **U.S. Federal Reserve flies to rescue** after dollar hits record low against yen

LONDON (Agencies) — The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) intervened Wednesday afternoon on the London foreign exchange market to prop up the sagging dollar after the greenback fell to a post-war low against the yen, foreign exchange dealers

That marked the first Fed intervention since last June 24, they noted, and came after the dollar had plummeted to 96 yen in mid-afternoon, its lowest level since World War II. The move brought the greenback back up to 96.95 yen in late afternoon, against 96.80 Tuesday evening in London. The previous record low of 96.35 yen to the dollar came

Tuesday last week. ... The dollar stood at 1.5035 marks in late trading against 1.4958 Tuesday evening and 1.4933 shortly before the Fed intervention, which started at 1600 GMT. No other central banks joined in.

"It was a successful intervention, as the time was well chosen, just as European markets were closing," said Nick Parsons, an analyst at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He said the move surprised European market players short of dollars and socked them with sharp los-

"That certainly won't be enough to keep the dollar higher in lasting fashion, but at least it reminds operators that they can lose money on the market, as well as make it," he commented.

This time, the Fed "is ready for anything to avoid letting its intervention fail," the analyst said. He noted it was accompanied by a statement by U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen that the dollar's drop is "counterproductive" for the United States and the world eco-

Mr. Parsons expects the Bank of Japan to continue the intervention overnight on the Asian market. There might be some concerted intervention by several central banks if the dollar again weakens in the next few days.

The dollar has been weakened since Tuesday afternoon by renewed fears of U.S. inflationary pressures, in the wake of a higherthan-expected purchasing managers' index in October. The market is waiting for U.S. October job figures due out on Friday to judge whether the U.S. economic performance justifies an immediate increase in interest

Among European currencies, the mark suddenly jumped during the day against the lira, hitting 1,031.7 lire to the mark, just a whisker from the Italian currency's record low against the mark of 1,032.50, last Aug. 12. The lira sagged on rumours — officially denied — that Premier Silvio Berlusconi would resign soon. The

market is also concerned ab-

out the government's ability

to meet deficit reduction

Sterling firmed generally on what traders called a technical correction after its fall on Tuesday when a Bank of England report seemed to cast doubt on prospects for a rise in British interest rates in the near future.

At 1715 GMT, sterling was trading at \$1.6340 (against

# Study: GATT will shave \$20b of U.S. trade deficit, boost growth

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Congressional approval of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) will shave \$20 billion off the U.S. trade deficit and boost

1.6330 Tuesday evening in London), 2.4567 marks (2.4426), 158.42 yen

(158.07), 2.0507 Swiss francs

(2.0396), and 8.4233 French francs (8.3712).

marks (1.4958), 96.95 yen (96.80), 1.2550 Swiss francs (1.2490), and 5.1550 French

francs (5.1265).

Tuesday.

The dollar stood at 1.5035

Gold dipped to \$384 an

The three-month Eurodol-

hile the British three-month

ounce against 384.50 Tuesday

lar rose to 5.625 per cent against 5.5625 Tuesday,

interbank rate fell to 6.0625

per cent against 6.125 on

"I think this intervention

while it might hold the dollar

in the near term, is only going

to give the market better

levels to sell," said Brian

Martin, economist at Citi-

NEW DELHI (AFP) - In-

dia intends to loosen remain-

ing foreign exchange controls

shortly as it lays the ground-

work for a fully convertible

rupee, a top central official

The Foreign Exchange

Regulation Act (FERA),

which governs transactions in

foreign currency, will be re-

written and renamed as part

of the liberalisation, said

O.P. Sodhani, executive director of the Reserve Bank

The redrafted law will con-

tain "inbuilt provisions for

capital account convertibil-

ity," setting the stage for a

free movement of capital to

and from the country," Mr.

given greater freedom to in-

Indian companies will be

of India..

Sodhani said.

economic growth by one per cent, a private study said. Carried out by the Institute for International Economics, a research group close to the Democrats, the study will be a likely backdrop to the GATT ratification debate in Congress following the Nov. 8 mid-term elections.

The renewed House of Representative is expected to vote on the agreement Nov. 29, while the Senate will do so Dec. 1

Despite strong opposition by environmentalists, conservatives and the textile industry, who fear GATT will harm U.S. sovereignty, most other sectors are in favour of the agreement, which was completed in December after

seven years of work by 123

countries.

The institute's estimates that by the year 2000 the trade agreement should raise U.S. exports by \$41.9 billion and imports, through reduced tariffs, by \$22.7 bil-

Under such circumstances, the U.S. trade deficit, which stood at \$115.8 billion in 1993, should drop by \$19.1

The boost in exports triggered by cheaper imports for U.S. companies and consumers will and \$65 billion to the U.S. economy by 2004, an increase of one per cent in the gross domestic product (GDP), the institute said.

Jeffery Schott, who coauthored the study, said the Uruguay Round would be 10 times more beneficial to the United States than the North American Freef Trade Agreement it signed last year with Canada and Mexico.

The institute's conclusions on the Uruguay are similar to those reached by GATT and the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation Financiat Marketz

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and Development.

However, the institute's predictions of economic and employment growth fall sh employment growth fall short of those made by President Bill Clinton when it called on Congress to ratify the Uruguay Round.

The Clinton administration

believes the agreement will boost the yearly GDP from \$100 billion to \$200 billion and create 1.5 million jobs by the year 2000.

The Institute for International Economic predicts only 265,000 new jobs in the same period.l Besides slashing tariffs, the

Uruguay Round would eliminate protectionism for the first time in the service and agriculture multilateral mechanism to settle trade dis-

# Swedish finance minister recommends tax hikes, spending cuts until '98

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Fi- in January 1995. Mr. Persson nance Minister Goeran Pers-son presented a tough budget explained the two-stage proto lawmakers Wednesday including tax rises and spending cuts designed to boost state coffers by 57.1 billion kronor (\$8.15 billion) to 1998.

For the mandate period to 1998, Mr. Persson recommended savings of 25.5 billion kronor (\$3.64 billion) and a net income increase of 31.6 billion kronor (\$4.51 bil-

For 1995 Persson recommended improving the state finances by 29.8 billion kronor (\$4.25 billion), including 12.1 billion kronor (\$1.72 billion) in savings and 17.7 bil-lion kronor (\$2.52 billion) in net income increase.

The 1995 budget year will run for 18 months from July 1, 1995 to Dec. 31, 1996, with budgets in future running from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. The Social Democrat gov-

ernment also intends to propose additional savings of 20 billion kronor (\$2.85 billion)

tax hikes to be implemented as of Jan. 1, 1995, while the savings can be implemented July 1, 1995 when the new

budget year begins. The government thus plans to pull in a total of 113.4 billion kronor (\$16.2 billion) by 1998. That figure includes Wednesday's proposed 57.1 billion kronor, January's 20 billion kronor proposal, plus previously agreed upon mea-sures of 18.3 billion kronor (\$2.61 billion) and reduced interest payments of 18 bil-lion kronor (\$2.57 billion).

Mr. Persson said unemployment in 1995 would drop to 6.9 per cent from the eight per cent forcast this year. The government has proposed several measures to reduce unemployment, and aims to give jobs or training to 80,000 iobless workers.

The government expects the budget deficit to decrease

# **Expert says Asia needs** \$400b in power sector investments until 2004

MANILA (AFP) — Asian countries need up to \$400 billion in investment in power generation over the next 10 years to meet the demands of fast-growing economies, a World Bank energy expert

has said. But Anil Malhotra, World Bank energy adviser for the region, warned that the magnitude of investments may pose financial problems as traditional lenders such as his bank and the Asian Development Bank "are unlikely" to exceed 15 per cent of the total financial requirement.

"As Asia is likely to continue to experience the world's fastest economic growth rates, its energy needs will double over the next decade requiring investments in the power sector alone of about \$300 to \$400 billion," he told an Asian energy conference here.

He said a recent World Bank study involving 10 Asian countries showed the

mand was estimated at about 7.3 per cent a year over the next decade.

This translates into an additional generation capac-ity of 290,000 megawatts (MW) from 1994 to 2004, or about 1,800 MW of new power every month, he added.

Mr. Malhotra, however, noted that "experience in Asia with private development in the power sector has been disappointing" since "less than 20 cases of major private power projects are in operation.

He said that given the decline in financing from international lending institutions, Asian governments must learn to tap the domestic and foreign capital markets as a source of funding.

Calling the power sector Asia's "most important and largest investment opportun-ity," Mr. Malhotra said ity," Mr. Mainotra said Asian governments should create an "environment and structure conducive to foreign participation.

India to loosen foreign exchange regime soon vest in overseas joint ventures and open branches abroad when the liberalised rules are introduced, he told a seminar organised by the confederation of Indian In-

> The current limit of \$2 million on Indian corporate investment in a foreign joint venture could be raised by £10 million. Bigger invest-ments would be subject to central bank approvals.
>
> Mr. Sodhani said India's

> foreign currency reserves had swelled to about \$19.6 billion, industry had recovered from recession, food grain stocks had soared to a record 31 million tonnes and inflation was under control at eight per cent.

> These factors provide the confidence for dismantling

controls." he said, adding that India was steadily moving towards a fully convertible rupee on the capital

He did not specify a date by which the rewritten FERA would come into force but said it would be introduced

Making the rupee fully convertible would be the last step in foreign exchange reforms introduced by the government of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao as part of wide-ranging economic liberalisation begun in mid-

India made the rupee convertible on the current account in August, lifting restrictions on the currency's conversion for overseas travel, medical expenses,

Limits remained to ensure that capital account transactions are not carried out in the garb of current account transactions.

Capital account convertibility in terms of allowing domestic corporate players and individuals to freely raise and invest funds abroad would have to wait until foreign exchange reserves swell further and inflation goes

"We have had to go step in internationalising the rupee. Mr. Sodhani said. "It will take us some more time to make the rupee fully convertible.'

down, the central bank said.

Indian economists have predicted that the citing the steady improvement in foreign exchange reserves.

### sharply this year \_ average rise in power de-Tourism to Turkey hurt by Kurdish threats

ISTANBUL (R) — Threats and coastal resorts coupled Suha Uyar, general secretary by Kurdish guerrillas to disrupt Turkey's lucrative tour- Europe have forced officials ators Agency (Tursab). ism and lingering economic to revise figures downward. problems in western Europe are likely to cost Turkey some \$700 million in lost revenues this year, tour oper-

Turkish officials had projected that tourism, after textile exports the country's biggest foreign currency earner, would bring in some \$4.7 billion from 7.5 million visi-

But bombings by separatist Kurdish guerrillas in Istanbul

In the first nine months of this year some 5.2 million people visited Turkey — up 2.6 per cent from the first nine months of 1993 - and the end of the high season makes any late burst unlikely, tour operators told Reuters this week.

"Normally we see a 15 to 20 per cent increase in arrivals year to year, but this year we will have about the same numbers as 1993," said

with economic woes in of the Turkish Tourism Oper-

same as last year, while the number of visitors will remain around the 6.5 million 'in 1993. Tourism figures show large

drops in visitors from western European countries. The number of German

tourists in the first nine months of this year was down 17 per cent, while visitors from Belgium declined 19 per cent, Swiss travellers were

down by 47 per cent and French visitors fell by 25 per œnt.

Overall, tourism from Revenues are expected to end at about \$4 billion, the western Europe was down by 12 per cent in the first nine months. Only Iceland, Ireland and Britain showed rises

in visitors. Some of the numbers are being made up by tourists from the former Soviet Commonwealth of Independent States — many of whom come for the shopping rather than the sun — and Israelis, whose numbers have jumped

by more than 200 per cent.

# Pakistan pledges continued deregulation

KARACHI (AFP) — Pakistan vowed to continue deregulation of its economy, as a three-day international conference on financial markets and investment opportunities in the country opened here

Tuesday. "We are gradually shifting from a regulated system to a market-oriented economy,' a top economic aide to Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto told the meeting.

V. A. Jafarey, who opened the conference sponsored by the London-based Euromoney Conferences organisation, said the full impact of Pakistan's economic reforms would unfold gradually.

The reforms have already lifted foreign exchange controls, simplified investment procedures and provided

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tariff cuts on imports, in addition to incentives such as repatriation of capital and

Mr. Jafarey said that, as a result of the reforms, the country's foreign exchange reserves had gone up from a low \$300 million a year ago to nearly \$3 billion. market was expanding rapid-

bond market needed time to A major thrust of Pakistan's policy was to attract foreign investment in the

ly, but the money market and

energy and telecommunication sectors, he said. Pakistan has secured investment commitments \$4 billion from U.S. companies

for thermal power generation

By Glasbergen

# Russia to stabilise rouble after 'black Tuesday'

MOSCOW (R) — Russia's Security Council said Wednesday that the Oct. 11 "black Tuesday" plunge in the rouble had threatened market reforms and vowed to take urgent measures to stabilise the currency.

A statement by President Boris Yeltsin's press service said the influential council discussed a report by a spe-

It said the rouble's drop of

more than 20 per cent against the dollar had been a threat to national security. The rouble fell to new lows of close to 4,000 to the dollar, but has since recovered to 3,093.

The statement said the currency's collapse had undermined confidence in the fledgling market, reduced the appeal of long-term capital investments, and raised prices and inflationary ex-

pectations. The Security Council has ordered the government to take quick and concrete steps to regulate the rouble rate and exchange operations," it

specific measures. "A blow has been dealt to the reform course, social stability, the living standards of a significant part of the population and the international standing of Russia," it

The Security Council, chaired by Mr. Yeltsin, said the consequences were longterm. It blamed lack of coordination between executive authorities as well as untimely and at times incompetent decisions by those who could have averted the crisis.

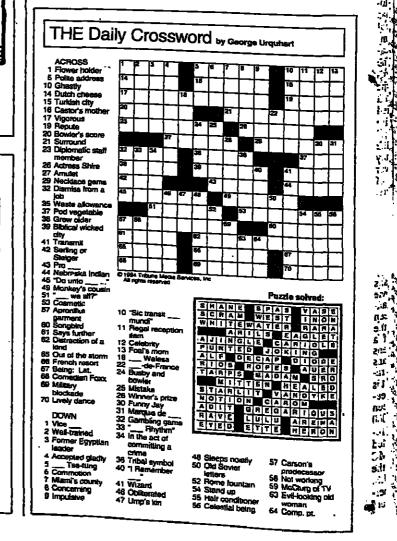
"Control over hard currency operations was not ensured, measures were not taken to stop speculation," it

Special attention would be paid to compensating those who suffered from the crisis. it said, without elaborating.

The currency collapse has already led to the ousting of acting finance minister Sergei Dubinin and central bank chief Viktor Gerashchenko. Mr. Yeltsin has made clear

that he sees the rouble fall as

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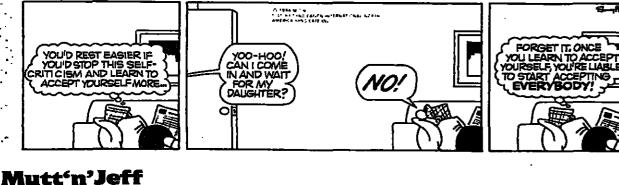








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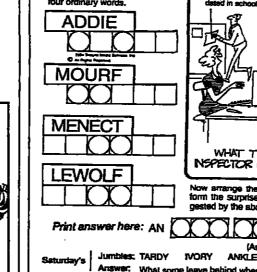


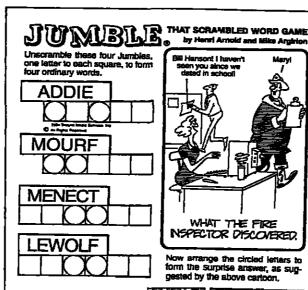












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Swiss Franc	1.2458	1.2438
French Franc .	5.1190	5.1120**
Japanese Yen	96.65	96.40
European Curreny Unit	1.2735	1.2754**

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Deutsche Mark	4.75	5.00	5.06	5.43	
Swiss Franc	3.62	5.87	4.00	4.43	
French Franc	5.31	5.50	5-68	6.18	
Japanese Yen	2.18	2.24	2.35	2.60	
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Saudi Riya!	0.1826	0.1843			
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3150	2.3700			
Qatari Riyal	0.1878	0.1890 -			
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2200			
Omani Riyal	1.7680	1.7840			
UAE Dirham	0.1870	0.1880			
Greek Drachma <sup>a</sup>	0.2675	0.3160			
Cypriot Pound	1.4140	1.5180			

# Multinationals in \$5.4b 'bio-piracy,' says U.N. report

GENEVA (AFP) — "Biopiracy" by multinational food and drug companies cheats developing countries of more than \$5 billion a year in biotechnology royalties, said a

United Nations report. The U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) said Third World plant species alone earned the pharamceutical industry more than \$30 billion, but while more

than 90 per cent of the earth's "biological diversity" was located in Africa, Asia and South America, local inhabitants did not reap the benefits of their biological weath.

"If royalty payments were made to developing countries and their indigenous people for their plant varieties and local knowledge used by big multinational food and drug companies, those providers

would be getting \$5.4 billion a year that they do not see today," said the UNDP re-

port. The growing use of patents meant multinationals could protect profits made on the back of knowledge gained from poor, developing countries, the report added.

The UNDP wanted "to ensure that indigenous communities will, on their own terms, benefit from any commercialisation of products of their knowledge, and avoid becoming trapped in a system of exploitation," said Sarah Timpson, deputy assistant UNDP administrator for policy and programme sup-

port. According to the report industrialised countries are patenting "material partially or wholly derived from far-

mers' varieties," leaving indigenous farmers, paying for the end product of their own genius.

"Even the patent claims over the DNA of indigenous peoples themselves has become the focus of debate and law suits," the report added.

To help redress the imbalance the report recommends the appointment of ombudsmen to investigate complaints from indigenous commun and their national gov ments, empowered to d patent approvals and or patent applications review

It also proposes the c tion of tribunals to settle putes between pat claimants and indiger peoples, and the creation fee system which would legal challenges by ind nous peoples.,

# Alba predicts big profit

MANAMA (R) - Aluminium Bahrain BSC (Alba), the biggest Middle East Aluminium producer, expects to make a \$500 million net profit annually by the end of this century if the metal markets prove normal "In the long term we will ... be one of the big money-makers for the Bahraini government," Alba chief executive Gudvin Tofte told reporters.

But Mr. Tofte said Alba's financial situation would depend on the aluminium market for the next two to three years due to commitments connected its \$1.5 billion costs of doubling its capacity to 460,000 tonnes a year in 1993 from around 225,000 tonnes.

He added that "1993 was a very, very difficult year for the aluminium industry with very low prices. Producers



HONG KONG (R) — In Hong Kong, where perhaps more than anywhere in the world time is money, a daily 10-minute traffic jam could be costing the British colony \$2.3 billion a year, a local bank has calculated.

According to the Hang Seng Bank's monthly economic report, nominal gross domestic product figures show every worker in Hong Kong produces an average of 150 Hong Kong dollars (\$19) worth of output an hour.

"If the time spent in traffic congestion is put to productive use, a 10-minute daily delay for each worker would equal 124 million working hours for the whole economy," the report said.

"When translated into money terms, this would imply an additional output of 18 billion HK dollars (\$2.3 billion) or two per cent of the gross domestic product," it added.

Traffic conditions have deteriorated sharply in Hong Kong in recent years as car ownership has outstripped road

The rapid expansion of trade with China has led to an increase in freight and passenger movements across the border, exacerbating the problem, the report said.

# 41 per cent of U.S. multinational firms war to invest in new market

NEW YORK (AFP) - In two years time. 41 per cent of U.S. multinational corporations are planning on increasing their investments in newly-emerging markets. according to a study published by Ernst and Young.

In comparison, 36 per cent of European multinationals and nine per cent of Japanese ones are planning such actions. Over five years, these per-

centages would increase to 48 per cent; 38 per cent, and 15 per cent, respectively, according to the audit firm's study which looks at 230 of the first 1,000 multinational corporations.

These statistics are important in light of the fact that the United States have traditionally been less active than Europe and Japan in developing countries.

China, Mexico, and B are the three countries w are favoured by U.S. m nationals. Overall, the c tries which are most c named are China, with 5 cnt; India, 17; Indonesia per ent; Mexico; Br Malaysia; Argentina; I Kong; and Taiwan.

The market sieze is the criteria of companies. they look at the possible fits and finally at stra positioning. The low co labour is rarely mentions firms.

Nine out of ten comp fear political unrest as w legal barriers and exch controls. The majorit European (82 per cent Japanese (83 per cent) r national corporations into consideration the ta plications as opposed to third of U.S. corporate



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# Arab Gul shipping company to expand operation after loss

ABU DHABI (AFP) biggest joint shipping vin the Arab World is pl to expand operations d the Gulf after it st heavy losses due to go competition and world

The United Arab St Company (ŪASC), by six Gulf governmer chalked out a 1995 ext. plan that includes ne in the Mediterranean creasing services to East Asia and other as said.

The Kuwaiti-based pany has decided Egypt's Port Said Mediterranean as a board for launching tions to Egypt, Syria non and other counthe region while it wi a feeder service to North Africa for the

time.
"The board of d has approved an explan for 1995. Port S be the main base for countries in the Menean as from the start year," UASC's Me nean lines director, V Dawud, told the Unit Emirates (UAE)

Bayan. He said the plan vered boosting serve South East Asia to containers every we 1,500 containers to America in cooperat the National Shippir

pany of Saudi Arab UASC sources saic pansion followed large due to growing competite oil-rich Gulf and economic recession. Although shipping have raised rates this in the past 15 mont remained far lower to levels three years a After the rises, freight between the South East Asia now between \$1,200 and per 20-foot contain pared with between and \$1,600 in 1991 Rates on cargo the Gulf and Euro

also as low as \$1 container compar \$1,700 in 1991 while lines from the Unit have fallen to \$2,0 \$2,800.

Shipping agents I warned small firm: the Gulf could be fe of business if rates weak. They said the allow large comp monopolise the ma this could hurt clic

The decline in rates coupled with a downturn inflicted. \$11 million on UAS and \$33 million in 1 pared with record around \$60 million

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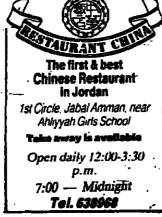


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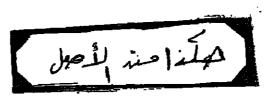
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# English clubs eliminated in UEFA Cup

ARIS; (AFP) — English ubs were dumped out of the EFA Cup Tuesday — with oth Aston Villa and Newistle United losing on the vay goals rule.

But big continental clubs to through-after first-leg de-its included Deportivo La oruna of Spain and Einacht Frankfurt of Germany. France's 1993 European 1p Winners Marseille made valiant effort to come back ter being-beaten 2-0 in the st-leg by Swiss side Sion. it their-3-1 victory wasn't ough and they, too, lost on ray goals.

Just days after European otbail's governing body ve English clubs another FA Cup place, bringing total up to four, the 1994/ campaign was over. Turkish club Trabonzons-

r, down to ten men, drew on aggregate with Villa, J Spain's Athletic Bilbao w 3-3 overall with Newtle United.

Added to Blackburn Rovloss to Swedish part-ers Trelleborgs in the first ınd, it completed a black mament for English foot-

/illa went clear and leveltheir tie overall through lian Atkinson with 13 mies left and it began to look hough it would be enough ake them into extra-time inst opponents who had ender Öğun sent off for a berate hand-ball.

ut they suffered a lapse in centration in the dying and Abdullah's corwas headed by Cengiz for an to pounce and hook ball into the roof of the

: proved crucial ough Enhiogu scored n for Villa with the last of the match.

couple of dozen Turkish came on to the pitch to brate with their players



Olympique's midfielder Jean Marc Ferreri (L) passes FC Sion's Raphael Wicky in their UEFA Cup match Tuesday

and at least one was attacked by a Villa supporter, who ran from the other end.

The club were fined 12,000 pounds by UEFA when a similar invasion followed their first-round victory over Inter Milan, and they are certain to be punished again.

Athletic Bilbao's 1-0 win in front of 47,000 fans in the Basque capital was enough to end Newcastle's European

But the spadework had been done at St. James Park in the first leg, when the Spaniards pulled back two late goals after trailing 3-0. The result proved a week is a long time in football. High-

flying Newcastle also lost

their unbeaten English Pre-

miership record against defending champions Manchester United Saturday.

An error by Czech keeper Pavel Smicek undid a splendid defensive performance to send Newcastle tumbling out.

Midway through the second period, Victor Alkiza put Jose Ziganda away and the man who had started Bilbao's first leg revival shot under the Czech keeper from Newcastle's defeat should

have been heavier, with Bilbao awarded a penalty five minutes from time when John Beresford brought down the breaking Suances.

But Garitano's spot kick hit the bar and although he buried the rebound in the net, the goal was ruled out because he had struck the ball twice without another player touching it. substitute.

Another Spanish club, Real Madrid, swept into the third round with a 4-0 home win over Dynamo Moscow. Real, who drew 2-2 last month, beat the Russians with a late flurry of goals after a scoreless first half.

Chilean international striker Ivan Zamorano opened the scoring early in the second half and Argentina's Fernando Redondo made it 2-0 with a quarter of an hour

to go. Victory was sealed with two goals in the final two minutes from newcomer

Dani Garcia, a 20-year-old from Real's reserves who came on as a second-half

Swedish part-timers Trelleborgs, who toppled England's Blackburn Rovers in the previous round, were within seconds of extra-time and a possible penalty shootout against Lazio.

But after 180 minutes of goalless football, Croatian Alen Boksic, Lazio's signing from cash-strapped Olympique Marseille, scored in the final seconds.

Nicolas Ouedec performed the same task for Nantes. scoring both goals as the French team beat Tekstilshik Kamvshin 2-1 in the Moscow mud for a 4-1 overall win.

# Jordan Soccer Roundup

# Wihdat meet Ramtha as tenth week kicks off

By Aleen Bannavan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Leaders Al Wihdat face Al Ramtha while second placed Al Hussein clash with Al Jazireh when the tenth week of the First Division Soccer Championship kicks off Thursday.

The results of these matches will be very crucial with only one more week remaining for the conclusion of the first leg of the prestigious 12-team com-

During the past week, Al Wihdat's 16 point lead was narrowed down to one point after their goalless draw against Al Ahli, while Al Hussein trailed closely behind with 15, and Al Faisali, Al Ramtha and Al Jazireh tied with 13 points in the overall standings.

who are in third place on goal difference will meet 6th placed newcomers Kufrsoum, while the last two teams, Al Jeel and Al Karmel, will both be targetting a win to improve their scoring record and

Meanwhile, 9th placed Al Qadissieh, a top five team last season, will meet 10th placed newcomers Shabab Al Hussein hoping that their new coach will uplift their faltering form, as Al Ahli and Al Arabi. both searching for a halfway position, will clash in another of this week's

standing.

Al Hussein are still the best scoring team with 29 goals followed by Al Faisali with only 19, while Al Wihdat remained the only unbeaten team so far.

scoring record at 11-2. On the other hand, Al

Karmel and Al Jeel still have the worst scoring record at 4-22, and are also the only teams not to have scored a win so far.

Al Ramtha's Mouaffaq Abu Hdeib became the top scorer of the league with 8 goals after scoring two of his team's goals against Al Qadissieh.

He is now followed by Al Faisali's Jiryes Tadros and Kufrsoum's Murad Hassan share third place with 6 goals each.

Only 12 goals were scored during the past week - the lowest number since this year's competi-tion kicked off Aug. 31 compared to the highest number of 22 in the seventh

### **GOREN BRIDGE**

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Opaning lead: Three of V
Those wonderful bridge maxims are fine for most situations you encounter. However, they are general-Neithar vulnerable. South deals. NORTH ities and there are exceptions of them. Consider this hand. EAST South's spade rebid almost surely omised a six-card suit, so with a ♣ A Q J 10 8 6

promised a six-card suit, so with a maximum no-trump response and three-card support North ventured a raise. South had more than enough to carry on to game. In the modern style West led low from three cards in partner's suit and East won the king. The old adage says: "Lead through strength up to weakness." If East returns a trump, West can win the king and shift to a dismond but the acc of nd but the

trick for the defenders. As soon as declarer gains the lead, trumps will be drawn and declarer will discard a diamond on the fourth chb— and 10 tricks are in the bank.

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At trick two, East must shift to the jack or ten of diamonds, taken in dumny. Now when West gains the lead with the king of spades. West can revert to diamonds and the de-

# tich, Edberg crash at Paris Open

IS (AFP) — Michael and Stefan Edberg disced Tuesday that there is ich thing as an easy ride, in the first round, when are playing in one of the is richest tournaments. th players crashed badly eir first matches on the um court inside the walled Bercy Stadium e south east of the

:h capital. ch, the third-seed for the million French Indoor and hungry for points ralify for next month's sight-player ATP World ipionships in Frankfurt, nade to look less than ary by French newcomonel Roux and surren-

1 Edberg, seeded fifth, once again against rival Petr Korda, going 6-4, 1-6, 4-6 — his fifth the 1992 French Open r-up in eight meetings. h never looked comle against the 21-yearild-card entry from who, wearing his cap to front in Goellner vent for his strokes and d no respect for his ent's status.

vas the 73rd ranked second win in as many On Monday he put r German player n Braasch.

defeat means that vill now need a sharp nance in next week's icial tournament of the in Antwerp if he is to berth at Frankfurt. ar only four players tade sure they will be part in the seasonfinale - Pete Samiotan Ivanisevic, Sergi era and Boris Becker. un still do it," said a Stich after his defeat. is still one tournago. I need a couple of id I shall need to play there than I did here ut if I don't make the it's unfortunate, but ive with it."

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serving was clearly hampered land Garros in May. by the surface, which he said

was "slower than expected." "The first serves still come through pretty quick but you have to play close to the lines to win points."

Stich said Roux, who reached today's match by beating another German Karsten Braasch, had shown few weaknesses.

"He played solid all round. hit the ball hard, and was very quick around the court,'

ter his triumph and the sort of player France's newlyappointed Davis Cup captain Yannick Noah may be looking to for in his quest to restore French success in the competition, said: "Obviously I'm delighted I won, but I didn't throw my racket after the final point. You don't do that in a second round match at Bercy. You do that when

you win the tournament." Edberg, who won the event in 1990, started well but then went off the boil against a player who only recently returned to the tour from a lay-off after suffering

Frenchman Lionel Roux returns the ball to Germany's Michael Stich during their encounter at the Paris Open (AFP photo)

of three tournaments since

The Swedish player's second serves were too vulnerable to Korda's blister-

ing returns.
Stich and Edberg were not the only favourites to be beaten. Wayne Ferreira of South Africa, tenth seed and winner

the United States Open, went down in straight-sets to Frenchman Cedric Pioline. Pioline clearly determined to salvage something after a Roux, surprisingly calm afdisastrous season in which he has slumped from tenth to

43rd in the world rankings, notched up a 6-4, 6-4 success. And Swedish dejection after Edberg's early loss just a few week's before the Davis Cup final against Russia in St. Petersberg was compensated, up to a point, by another excellent perform-

ance by team-mate Magnus

Larsson. The French Open semifinalist continued his recent revival by recovering to outslog Austria's 15th seed Thomas Muster 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/3), 7-5 in a two and a half hour marathon.

Eighth-seed Andre Agassi, another player hoping to qualify for the ATP finals. had to work hard not to join the exodus of favourites. The reigning United States Open champion dropped a set and had to work hard to come through to the last sixteen against stubborn Australian Jason Stoltenberg.

Agassi, who is seeded to play world number-one Pete Sampras in the quarter-finals and who needs to reach the of a place in Frankfurt.

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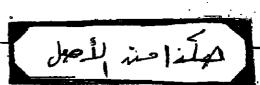
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# **Bulls bid** farewell

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# Everton enjoy first win of season

LONDON (AFP) — Ever-ton's search for their first premiership victory of the season came to a welcome end Tuesday night with a 1-0 victory over West Ham.

Gary Ablett's second-half winner, his second of the season but only the fifth league goal of his career, will have eased the pressure on his under-fire manager Mike

But this much-needed first victory in 15 league and cup games, following the draw with Arsenal, still leaves Walker's men rooted to the bottom of the division.

Albett's vital match-winner came 10 minutes after the break as he rushed in at the back post to head into the roof of the net after Matthew Jackson had flicked on an Ian

But with two difficult away games against his old club Norwich and Mersey rivals Liverpool coming up Walker will be feeling far from certain about his future.

Walker's mood would not have been helped beforehand with the news that former Everton favourite. Howard Kendall, had quit his Greek dub Xanthi, though chief executive Jim Greenwood was quick to rubbish speculation it was the prelude for his return to Goodison Park.

Struggling Ipswich ended a six-game, losing run in convincing fashion with a comfortable 2-0 victory over

John Lyall's team, moved up a place to third bottom of the Premiership table thanks to goals from Steve Sedgley and Geraint Williams - his first for the club - and their first clean sheet in 15 games.

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# to Jordan

CHICAGO (AP) - With a bronze statue unveiled out-side the stadium and a No. 23 jersey raised to the rooftop. Chicago said farewell Tuesday night to the best basketball player this city - and the spect - has known.

For two hours, teammates, opponents, fans, former coaches, entertainers and family celebrated and lauded not only Michael Jordan's basketball career but also his

saluted the man who led the Chicago Bulls to three straight championships before taking earlay retirement 13 months ago. Jordan's highlights — an

NCAA championship, two Olympic gold medals, three MVPs in the regular season and three in the NBA finals

Bob Knight, who coached Jordan on the 1984 Olympic team, said Jordan might have been more than the best basketball player to step on the court with his acrobatic moves and incomparable assortment of dunks.

Jordan's No. 23, known worldwide on athletic apparel that has helped make him a multimillionaire, was retired. Jordan ended the ceremony by housing it to the ceiling a his three children stood by.

well with Dane Claus Thom-

Skipper Williams, scoreless since joining Ipswich from

Adrian Paz had combined Derby over two years ago, made the wait worthwhile as he swept home Bontcho Guentchev's pass to secure

# **Premier division standings**

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Newcastle	12	9	2	1	29	12	29
Nottingham Forest	12	8	3	1	25	13	27
Manchester United	12	8	1	3	21	9	25
Blackburu	12	7	3	2	25	12	24
Liverpool	12	7	2	3.	28	13	23
Leeds	13	6	3	4	18	15	21
Chelses	11	6	1	4	21	14	19
Norwich	12	5	4	3	12	11	19
Manchester City	12	5	3	4	21	17	18
Arsenal -	12	5	3	4	17	13	18
Tottenham	12	5	2	5	21	24	17
Southempton	12	4	3	5	18	22	15
Coventry	12	4	3	5	14	20	15
West Ham	13	4	2	· 7	8	15	
Queen's Park Rangers	13	3	4	6	19	23	13
Sheffield Wednesday	12	3	4	5	15	21	13
Crystal Palace	12	3	4	5	8	14	13
Wimbledon	12	3	3	6	9	18	12
Aston Villa	12	2	4	6	11	18	10
Ipswich	13	3	1	9	13	24	10
Leicester	12	2	3	7	14	24	9
Everton	13	1	4	8	9	24	7

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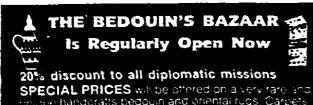
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# Ahli target third consecutive title

# 1st Division Basketball Championship begins today

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Titleholders Al Ahli will be targetting their third consecutive 1st Division Basketball Championship crown when the Kingdom's premier basketball competition begins

Thursday.

For the first time, this year's competition includes seven teams: Al Ahli, former champions Al Orthodoxi, Al Jazireh, Al Jalil, Al Watani, Al Hussein and Homentmen.

Most experts of the game conclude that the prepara-tions and form of participating teams vary so much that it will be difficult to determine most standings, unlike other years when at least the top two places were undisputedly reserved for Al Ahli and Al Ortho-

This season may bring about a surprising turn of results. However, one fact seems to be quite clear -Al Ahli are well-prepared to retain their precious crown for one more year. In an effort to upgrade.

the standard of competition. the lordan Basketball Federation (IBF) last year from the Second Division instead of the usual two, making the number of competing teams seven for the first time. However, this year two teams will be relegated, and only one will be

promoted, reducing the number to six as of next Therefore, 1994 marks a turning point in the First Division and adds more not only to the top teams but also to the rest who will be fighting to stay among the prestigious group.

Here's an analysis of the status of participating teams: Al Abli

The Al Ahli camp has had the most consistent and serious training season with over 18 top players taking part. These include all-time stars Marwan Ma'touq, Samir Murqus, Yousef Zaghloul, Naser Bushnaq and an abundant lineup of younger, energetic players like Marwan Al Sa'eedi. Walid Badran, Mohammad and Taimour Shamali, Zeid Alkhas, and many others who are determined to hold on to the championship for

years to come. The team had very positive results in matches against top teams in Romania during the summer, and are led by their Russian coach Alexander Sasha who was instrumental in altering Al Ahli's style that enabled them to clinch the title away from Ai Orthodoxi in 1990 and win it again in 1992 and 1993. Last year Al Ahli beat Al Orthodoxi 75-69 and 70-60

### to clinch the title. Al Orthodoxi

The former champions who last wen the title in 1991 are in an unenviable

Al Orthodoxi are now in a transitional phase where many experienced older players have quit the team while their younger lineup

Al Orthodoxi, who had an undisputed reign on the country's basketball scene from 1976-1989, mainly depended on the individual efforts of top players, espe-cially Murad Barakat. Thus the team lost ground to their all-time rivals after Barakat lost form starting three years ago and quit the

team last year. Barakat is now coaching the team, hoping that his players will at least firmly hold on to runner-up position until they are ready to reclaim their crown.

Al Orthodoxi will have to put up a great fight in order to do just that, facing ambitious contenders Al Jazireh and Al Jalil - both aiming to advance their usual third and fourth placed standings.

Al Orthodoxi will be led by Hilal Barakat and a young lineup of players in-cluding Jihad Saliba, Muntaser Abul Tayyeb, Ziyad Al Nabulsi and Mudar Al Jazireh

One of the most ambitious teams in the country, Al Jazireh has in recent years become a strong contender for most of the Kingdom's basketball ti-

This year, Al Jazireh will be aiming to clinch second place from Al Orthodoxi, but will have to subdue Al Jalil's ambitions for a top standing

Al Jazireh include some of the best of the country's young players. They will also greatly benefit from Alawneh from Al Hussein. Alawneh will be instrumental in assisting teammates Ghaith Ennabi Yousef Abu Baker, Anwar

Haddad, Husam Lutfi and Ma'an Odeh. Al Jalil

Al Jalil have mostly maintained a third or fourth placed standing during recent years. However, their coach has recently asserted that they have had a three-month-long training programme and that they were eyeing more than third place this season.

The team has a good lineup of players inluding Hisham Al Barbari, Ra'ed Jaber, Omar Abdul Maiid. while Mohammad Abu Dheis is back on the team together with new recruit Naser Bassam

### Al Watani

A! Watani managed to finish fifth last season after overcoming usual fifth place holders Al Hussein. However, they have the best opportunity to advance their standing this year as they will be led by experience frag coach Mohammad Ali ijar who was fermerly at Al Ortho-

The team includes an ambitious lineup including Nadim Nahhas, Ihab Safri, Faris Dahabreh and Marwan Omar

### Al Hussein

Not only did Al Hussein lose fifth place to Al Watani last year, they also lost

Alawnch to Al Jazireh and Naser Bassam to Al Jalil.

This year the team is faced with the grim pros-pect of relegation for the In order to avert that, A.

Hussein will have to beat! Homentmen and Al Watani or Al Jalil to secure their.

Al Hussein have therefore been training seriously and had a series of prepara-

tory matches.

The team includes Mustafa Al Kofahi, Hadi Al Saves, Sami Hasan and

### young lineup of players. Homentmen

Homentmen have struggled for the past decade trying to gain a firm place in the First Division, but, these efforts have so far failed mainly due to the lack of substitutes and vounger age-groups to re-, place older players as they quit the game.

Last year Homentmen overcame Al Abassi and Al Yarmouk to win the Second Division title and? return once again to the first division.

However, the team began serious preparations late and are therefore not expected to be able to avoid relegation again. The team includes Sevan Sarkissian. Vazken Aje-

mian, Robert Chatmajian, Vicken Avakian, and brilliant centre Ala Abu Rahmeh who was one of the best players in the Kingdom's Under-22 Championship.

# Navratilova struggles to victory

OAKLAND (AFP) - Marketa Kochta lived a dream Tuesday by playing her idol Martina Navratilova for the first time.

But the German's longawaited opportunity ended in tears after a costly third-set mistake led to a heartbreaking defeat.

Navratilova rallied for a 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 triumph in the second round of a \$400,000-dollar match, a tuneup for Navrati-lova's tarewell tournament in two weeks.

"It has been a long time since I have had an easy match," Navratilova said. Everything is three sets these days."

Kochta, 19, only enteredthe event so she would have a chance to play Navratilova, a player she adored as a youth after defecting from Czechoslovakia as a seven-vear-old.

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Kochta said. "I'm her hero and she almost whipped my butt. That's some respect for your

At 39, Navratilova has won

20 million dollars and dominated the sport. But she now ranks fifth and finds her brightest moments behind Navratilova was preparing to play next week in Phi-

ladelphia had she lost. Unfortunately for her, the thought :ame while play was in prog-

"I was thinking if I lost, I was going to Philadelphia. I thought that in the middle of

a point," Navratilova said. "I the middle of a point.' I got started screaming at myself.

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### Rabin questions use of small settlements

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called into question Wednesday the usefulness of small Israeli settlements on occupied Arab land such as in Hebron which require thousands of troops to protect them. "In Hebron, 80,000-100,000 Palestinians, 450 Israelis," Mr. Rabin told members of the United Jewish Appeal, an international fund-raising organisation. "And to protect them we need three battalions all the time." Mr. Rabin said. An Israeli battalion is made up of about 300 soldiers. They don't protect us — we have to protect them," Mr. Rabin noted, in a swipe at the frequent claim that the settlements add to Israel's security. "We consider it was a major mistake to disperse settlements of 15, 30, 80 families, that we need now the bulk of our regular army for their protection," he said. More than 120,000 Israelis have settled since 1967 in some 130 settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "In the West Bank there are twice as many Israeli soldiers as in Lebanaon," he said. According to reports from Lebanon, Israel has about 1,000 troops stationed in its "security zone" in southern Lebanon, although the figure can rise during tense periods. Israel also maintains a Lebanese militia of some 3,000 men.

### Israel ordered to put women into top jobs

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel's high court has ordered the government to appoint three women to the boards of two state-run companies in a precedent hailed by women's groups. Israel's Women's Network had petitioned the court based on a 1993 "affirmative action" law under which both sexes must be appropriately represented on the board of government companies "as far as possible." In a written ruling published Wednesday, the court cancelled ministerial appointments of men to two positions on the board of Israel Oil Refineries and one at the Ports and Railways Authority. The court noted that the law did not call for quotas of women but said appropriate representation would be equal numbers. Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish argued he had appointed the best candidates, but the court said women should be appointed provided they were sufficiently qualified. Some 25 senior ministry officials who are women had not even been considered by the ministry. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's advisor on women's issues released a statement "praising" the ruling.

### immigration to Israel increases

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The number of immigrants arriving in Israel jumped 21 per cent in October compared with the same period of last year, the government announced Wednesday. The increase reversed the negative trend of most of the year and pushed the 10-month total arrivals to 65.200, or three per cent more than for the same period of 1993, the absorption ministry said. Some 7,000 of the 8,100 who came to Israel last month were from the former Soviet Union. More than 500,000 people have emigrated to the Jewish state from the ex-Soviet empire since the Kremlin opened the floodgates in late 1989, although about five per cent have left for a better life elsewhere.

### Netherlands to open office in Jericho

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands said Tuesday it would soon open a diplomatic mission in the autonomous town of Jericho in the West Bank. The foreign ministry said the decision stemmed from an increase in Dutch activities in Jericho and also the autonomous Gaza Strip following the implementation of the Palestinian self-rule accord in May. The new mission will coordinate Dutch aid to the Palestinian self-rule areas and promote Dutch commercial interests. Until now these tasks had been the responsibility of the Dutch embassies in Tel Aviv and Cairo, the ministry

# iranian former general released

TEHRAN (AFP) - The Iranian authorities have released a former general and outspoken nationalist who was arrested Monday after having openly criticised the Islamic government, opposition sources said Wednesday. Azizollah Amir-Rahimi, 75, was freed late Tuesday, they said, adding that the general had been "mistreated during his 24-hour detention. He wrote an open letter of the authorities in September in which he condemned summary executions ordered by revolutionary courts and called for political reforms. He also urged the formation of a "national salvation government." Mr. Rahimi is known for his criticism of the way the government fought the 1980-1988 war with Iraq. He was an outspoken opponent of the former regime and was jailed several times before the Islamic revolution toppled the Shah in 1979. The nationalist opposition has been tolerated but not officially recognised in Iran since the revolution. The Party of the People of Iran, led by Daryush Foruhar, is the main secular

# Exiled Iranian singer says daughter arrested

NICOSIA (AP) - A celebrated Iranian singer who recently left her country to join an Iranian opposition group said Wednesday authorities had arrested a 41-yearold daughter she left behind in Tehran. The singer, who goes by the single name of Marzieh, said in a statement that she recently learned that her daughter had been arrested and imprisoned three weeks ago by Iran's ruling clerics. She said her daughter, Hengameh Amini, who is married and has a 7-year-old daughter, "has committed no offence other than her mother leaving the country to help liberate her compatriots and to sing the song of freedom by joining the ranks of the Mujaedeen-e-Khalq, an Iraq-based Iranian opposition group. Marzieh, whose full name is Ashraf-o-Sadate Mortezaie, arrived in Paris from Tebran in August. She vowed never to return as long as the Muslim clerics ruling Iran remained in power.

# Former Sudan commissioner to stand trial

KHARTOUM (AFP) - A former Sudanese provincial commissioner will stand trial Monday on charges of embezzling public funds while in office, a Khartoum newspaper reported Wednesday. Al Sudan Al Hadith daily said the former commissioner of Al Galabat province in east Sudan, Ali Abdullah Al Nihaila would appear before a special tribunal for allegedly embezzling 37 million Sudanese pounds (\$92,500). Mr. Nihaila was suspended from his position earlier this year pending an investigation. The paper said the investigation committee dropped a related charge against Mr. Nihaila's son but did not

# iran marks anniversary of embassy takeover

NICOSIA (AP) - Waves of demonstrators shouting slogans against the United States protested outside the former U.S. embassy in Tehran Wednesday, marking the 15th anniversary of its takeover by Iranian militants. Tehran Radio said the demonstrators converged on the embassy in downtown Tehran, shouting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel." On Nov. 4, 1979, Iranian revolutionaries stormed the embassy and took 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. Tehran Radio said Tuesday the event "opened a glittering page in our nation's history." The anniversary was being marked earlier to avoid the Muslim holiday on Friday. The radio gave no indication of the size of the crowd, but said "waves" of demonstrators bad thronged outside "America's former nest of spies," as the compound is now called. It has been converted into a museum, displaying equipment and documents confiscated from the embassy.

# Lebanon to protest to U.N. over Israeli rejection of 425

BEIRUT (Agencies) -Lebanon will protest to the United Nations soon over Israel's rejection of a U.N. resolution calling on it to withdraw from South Lebanon, a government official said here Wednesday. Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin on Tuesday branded non-existent U.N. Resolution 425 of 1978 which calls for a total Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, but he nonetheless outlined conditions for an Israeli pullout. The Lebanese official, who

requested anonymity, told AFP Mr. Rabin's remarks "revealed Israel's inten-

tions."

He said: "A peace agreement could only be achieved after a withdrawal in line with Resolution 425. "It is absolutely out of the

softer interpretation of this resolution. Lebanon would protest to the U.N. "in the next few

question for us to consider a

days," he added. Mr. Rabin set three conditions for an Israeli pullout satisfactory security arrangements, an association between Israel's Lebanese mili-

tia and the official Lebanese

army and a gradual implementation of the agreement. His statement came a day after he described as "interesting" Beirut's offer of a six-month ceasefire in return for a timetable for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from

southern Lebanon. Lebanese President Elias Hrawi announced Sunday he

was ready to accept an Israeli initiative to set up a joint commission to negotiate a timetable for withdrawal from the 850-squarekilometre "security zone."

Hizbollah guerrillas said they detonated a bomb inside Israel's "security zone" in South Lebanon Wednesday. killing a member of the proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA)

Security officials confirmed the attack but did not say whether there were any casualties.

The group said the bomb blast took place as a SLA patrol was passing by the

village of Bourj.

The body of a pro-kraeli agent was seen lying on the spot," said the Hizbollah statement.

Tension has been high in South Lebanon for the past five days amid a flare-up of guerrilla attacks that left one Israeli soldier dead and six wounded Saturday, two SLA militiamen wounded Sunday and another SLA member wounded Tuesday.

In video footage that shocked Israel, Hizboliah fighters were shown overrunning an Israeli position in Lebanon and planting their flag on the outpost in Saturday's attack

The army said a number of Israeli soldiers abandoned the post after coming under rocket fire. Mr. Rabin issued a rare public criticism of the

(Continued on page 7)

# **Bashir not to enter** race for presidency

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudanese military junta leader Omar Hassan Al Bashir campaign against Sudan's has declared that he will not stand in presidential elections due to be held in two years' time at the latest, state television reported.

General Bashir said in an interview he gave an Amer-ican writer who is preparing a book on Islam and politics, Milton Forster, that he will instead retire, the television said late Tuesday. Gen. Bashir took power in

a bloodless coup in June 1989 against the elected civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi by a 15-member council of army officers which resigned and named the junta leader presi-

dent of the republic last year. The junta, backed by Islamic fundamentalists, dissolved parliament and outlawed all political parties, vowing that no such organisations would be allowed in

It has opted for a Libyanstyle popular congress system in which elections will be held on personal, rather than partisan, basis.

Such congresses have so far been elected at village and district levels and it is planned that assemblies (parliaments) for the 26 states will. be elected before March of

The national assembly is to be elected in late 1995 or early 1996, before the elections for the president and his

Gen. Bashir said in the interview that upon comple-tion of establishing of the country's political system up to the national level, a legislative body would be elected to draw up a permanent constitution based on Islamic Sharia law and Sudanese traditions and customs.

Characteristics of this constitution have already been outlined in decrees issued during the past period, he noted, in obvious reference to Islamic laws currently in

PARIS (Agencies) — The alleged killers of exiled Ira-

nian Prime Minister Shapour

Bakhtiar went on trial on

Wednesday amid massive

security at the Palais de Jus-

tice (law courts) in central

The trial opened at 1.40 p.m. (1230 GMT) with three

Iranians in the dock, Six

others are being tried in

absentia for the August 1991

killing of the late Shah's last

premier in the Paris suburb of

In the dock were Ali Vakili

Rad, accused of being one of

the three killers, Zeynal Sarhadi, a great-nephew of

Iranian President Ali Akbar

Hashemi Rafsanjani accused

of organising their escape, and Massoud Hendi, sus-

pected of giving logistical

Gen. Bashir said a current Islamic orientation was not unleashed by followers of other faiths but, rather, by political opponents, including leftist and sectarian elements of the dissolved opposition

parties. Rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) have been fighting successive regimes in Khartoum to end domination by the Islamic north of the mainly Christian, and animist

The regime claims it is flexible in implementation of the Sharia.

Though the National Islamic Front (NIF) has officially been banned along with other political parties, senior NIF officials have been appointed to key posts, including ministerial portfolios, while its rank and file have assumed major civil service positions.

Gen. Bashir has said his revolutionary government is ready to take in any person who supports its Islamic orientation regardless of his former political affiliation. A few members of other

dissolved parties have joined the government. Diplomats in Khartoum said recently that Gen.

Bashir had not given a clear indication of whether he would run for president. Nobody has yet come for-ward as a possible candidate but political observers said the National Islamic Front,

headed by Hassan Al Tourabi, is expected to put up a Dr. Tourabi, a former university lecturer, is currently head of the Khartoum-based

Popular Arab and Islamic Conference, a pan-Islamic movement, and has said he does not want to run for election. His deputy in the front, Ali

Osman Mohammad Taha who is currently the minister of social planning, may come forward as a candidate.

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The trial, expected to last



daughter, puts the finishing touches to earth-ern lamp cups which her father moulded to be day (AFP photo)

# Hamas denies directing its operations general secretary failed to appear at the first trial and in occupied territories from Jordan

By Ghadeer Taher Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A spokesman for the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, on Wednesday denied Israeli charges that his Jordan-based office directs operations against Israeli targets and sends arms to the group in the occupied territories.

Mohammad Nazzal, the representative of Hamas in Jordan, said: "We have nothing to do with organising or funding any operations in the occupied territories." "We have an information

office here and I am only a spokesman," Mr. Nazzal told the Jordan Times Wednesday. "We (Hamas) in Jordan are not involved in arming military operations against Israeli targets or sending in-structions of any kind." Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin reportedly said Tuesday that Hamas ships arms into the West Bank and the Gaza Strip from Egypt and Jordan. This was the first such Israeli accusation since Jordan and Israel signed a peace treaty on Oct. 26. "Hamas weapons come

into the territories from Egypt and Jordan," Mr. Rabin reportedly told the Israeli parliament's foreign affairs and defence commit-A spokesman quoted Mr.

s saving that funds for fundamentalists also come from Jordan as well as Europe and the United States. A senior military intelli-

gence official, who was not named by the spokesman, told the committee that Hamas had a command centre in Jordan.

to attack Israeli targets have

from Jordan, not by telephone or fax but by messengers," he said.

Mr. Nazzal said Mr. Rabin was trying to apportion the blame for his government's failure to guarantee security.
The charges against

groups outside Palestine is an attempt by Rabin to find a scapegoat for his failure to control his security," said Mr. Nazzal. Israel has been hit with several deadly bomb attacks in the last one month, killing at least 24 people and wounding dozens. All the attacks were claimed by the military wing of Hamas, Izzeddine Al Qassam.

The last time Israel accused Jordan of harbouring "terrorists," Amman took strong action against the Hamas office here, confiscating their spokesmen's passports and declaring the group illegai.

Tension has been rising between the government and the Islamist-led opposition. His Majesty King Hussein, in a speech to deputies last Sunday, warned Islamists and other rejectionists not to disparage the Jordan-Israel peace treaty and not to slander the monarchy over the accord from the pulpits of the

Officials refused to comment Wednesday on the Minister Abdul Salam Majali said in an interview with Middle East Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) that there were no Hamas bases in Jor-

Deputy Abdul Karim Kabariti, president of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Lower House of "A large part of the orders Parliament, said Wednesday: "The Israeli prime minister

been transmitted by Hamas is trying to capitalise on the anti-rejectionist mood, which manifested itself immediately after Friday's incidents (when clashes broke out in Amman mosque) and was reflected by His Majesty's speech to deputies, in order to provoke a strong reaction against the Islamists," Mr. Kabariti said.

"Rabin knows that there are no armed groups in Jor-dan that plan violent acts. He is trying to create a link be-tween the Islamic movement in Jordan, which rejects violence, and the armed resistance groups in the occupied territories.

"I strongly believe Jordan will not allow itself to be used as a tool in Israel's hand in its war against Hamas," said Mr. Kabariti. "Jordan will prevent any attempt by any group to use Jordanian territory to launch attacks against Israel. This is clear in the peace treaty.

He said Jordan would not risk its democracy to fight Israel's war. The influential deputy said Hamas had a right to have a representative information office here as long as it did not violate any Jordanian laws.

Islamic Action Front Deputy Mohammad Oweideh denied the Israeli allegations. challenging the Israeli government to produce any evidence to support its claim. any military organisation operating outside the occupied territories.

Mr. Oweideh told a news conference Wednesday that the only support Hamas gets from outside the occupied territories is "political and moral."

He said Hamas does not receive any arms from Jor-

# Iran tells Kuwait foreign forces endangering Gulf

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Ira-nian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told Kuwait Wednesday the presence of foreign forces in the Gulf could harm countries in

the region. At a meeting with the new Kuwaiti ambassador here Mr. Rafsanjani said recent

"military movements in the ... Gulf and the continued presence of foreign forces are detrimental to the Gulf countries," in an apparent reference to the U.S. military buildup in the region.

Peace and stability could

be guaranteed through regional cooperation, he said. American, British and Gulf Arab reinforcements were rushed to Kuwait after Iraq massed troops near the emirate's border early last

Washington has dispatched 24 A-10 Thunderbolt attack

test Tehran's relations with

The three suspects were

Bakhtiar and his chief of

France and with the West.

taken into the Palais de jus-

tice about 45 minutes after trial was scheduled to start.

staff, Sorush Katibeth, were

found dead on Aug. 8, 1991

in their house in Suresnes, in

the west of the French capit-

Tehran has repeatedly de-

nied any involvement in the

killing of Bakhtiar, Iran's last

prime minister before the

1979 Islamic revolution, who

had sought asylum in France

and become an opposition

But the suspects have been

accused in particular by

Judge Bruguiere, in charge of

the case, of having links with

leader.

The trial could severely the Iranian secret service - a

al, stabbed and strangled.

month, threatening to repeat its August 1990 invasion. A U.S.-led coalition drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in February 1991.

Mr. Rafsanjani also accused foreign "enemies" of trying to "portray Iran as hostile" to the Gulf Arab states in a bid to "justify their ominous aims.'

Their goal is to justify their presence in the region and to sell off their weapon-

Mr. Rafsanjani assured the Gulf Arabs that "Iran pursues reasonable and humanitarian policies in the region and invites all the Persian Gulf countries to be prudent and have friendship and uni-

Bakhtiar murder trial opens behind security screen in Paris

January, the judge concluded

that "the Iranian secret ser-

vices participated in logistical

support for the culprits."
Security has been tight-

ened across the French capit-

al for the trial, with armed

guards stationed outside the

Iranian embassy, consulate,

and headquarters of Iran Air.

where spot checks will be

being protected by a special

squadron. of 70-80 armed

commandos, stationed

around the building and on

its roof. Patrols with sniffer

dogs will check sewers and

underground car parks in the

The Palais de Justice is

carried out systematically.

Tehran\_

any Iraqi threat, a U.S. military source said on Wednesday.

"The aircraft are being deployed until there is no longer a need for their presence, they are deployed as a deterrent," the source who did not wish to be identified told Reuters

Out of the group of 24 aircraft, flying from a base in the Gulf region, 16 arrived in the emirate's Ahmad Al Jaber air base, said the source. The rest were due later on Wednesday,

In Casablanca, the foreign minister of Qatar said Tuesday that Iraq has told him it will recognise Kuwait and its U.N.-demarcated border

### charge consistently denied by In addition some 20 large department stores, as well as At the end of a report train stations and tourist outlining his investigation in sites, will be subject to strict

next month. But routes around the Palais De Justice, on the Cite island in the heart of Paris, have been diverted. Police and others fear the

security measures for the

return of extremist attacks to the streets of Paris. One former Bakhtiar aide, Manusher Razmara, has said he feared incidents comparable to

attacks in 1986 which left 13 people dead. The three men in court this week are among nine in all who have been charged in connection with the killings.

### Gorbachev convicted of slander

MOSCOW (AP) — A start has found former Soviet Pre-ident Mikhail Gorbachev guilty of slander after he cal-led a Moscow official conrupt. Mr. Gorbachev called rupt. Mr. Gorbachev called Vladimir Resin, the bear of the Moscow City Government Construction Department, a "shining examente of a corrupt government efficial," in an interview with the Kamesomelskaya Prayer. Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper. A Moscow Municipal Court Thursday fined Mr. Gorbachev one million rubles (\$325) for the comment, and ordered the newspaper to print a denial of the charge, the daily Moskovsky Komsomolets reported. The former Communist Party appear at the first trial and was fined 30 rubles (a penny). At the second trial, Mr. Gorbachev sent a letter in his place, saving he was quoting material published in another publication, the Novaya Yezhednevnayua Gazeta (New Daily Newspaper). Mr. Gorbachev will not pay the find and plans to appeal the decision, said Georgy & 1000 ... Ostroumov, a spokesman for the Gorbachev Foundation in Moscow. Mr. Ostroumov made his comments to the English-language Moscow. Tribune Tuesday.

### Ferry stopped because of intoxicated captain

STOCKHOLM (AFP) -- An Estonian cargo ferry chartered by the Estline ferry group was stopped off the Stockholm coast overnight because its captain was in-.; toxicated, Swedish police? said Wednesday. The Donata, travelling from Stockholm to Tallinn, was forbidden totravel Tuesday night but was permitted to continue on its route Wednesday, according to Swedish maritime authorities. The ferry's pilot anchored the vessel and alerted police shortly after leaving the Stockholm Harbour after noticing that the captain appeared drunk. Police and a doctor were called onboard, although the · results of a blood test taken were not released. The Donata is owned by the Estonia Shipping company Estline had chartered Tuesday's transport, which was to be Estline's last charter with the company. Estline, which faced tough criticism for its handling of the Estonia sinking Sept. 28 in which some-912 people died, is aware that the company's reputation will not improve by Tuesday's incident, management said. The captain's behaviour demonstrated "a complete lack of judgement. Had it been our own crew this never would have happened." Estonia press spokesman and board member Hans Laidwa said. "But the Estonia was a completely white boat. That means that not even off duty officers were allowed to drink beer. We had a very strict policy there," he assured.

### Wife-beating case prompts anger

OTTAWA (AFP) — The successful defence of a man who admitted severely beatfederal Justice Minister Allan Rock to promise a review of a controversial Supreme Court ruling. In effect, the Supreme Court ruled that a sufficient degree of drunkenness could be an adequate defence against criminal charges. The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 split, ruled last month that a 72year-old man who sexually assaulted a disabled woman should have been allowed to present as his defence the argument that he was so drunk at the time that he was insane. That ruling was cited by a judge in Alberta last week to acquit Cari Blair of charges connected with a 1993 attack on his wife.

### Kenya deports 3 gay activists

NAIROBI (AFP) - Kenyan authorities have expelled three foreigners for planning to convene an international homosexuals' conference. immigration officials said Wednesday. The three men from Australia, the Netherconnection with the killings.
The six others are still on the run, and will be tried in absentia in a separate trial.

were Friday given 48 hours to leave the country "by any means possible." Homosexuality is illegal in Kenya. lands and the United States

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